THE WEATHER

Cloudy Friday and probably Saturday.

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BERLIN CELEBRATES DECISIVE VICTORY OVER RUSSIANS IN POLAND BY ALLIED AUSTRIAN AND GERMAN ARMS WITH WILD ENTHUSIASM

Whole City Literally Flashes With Flags of Both Nations—Extra Editions of Papers Published Soon After Official Bulletin is Issued by Government — Schools Close Today, to Celebrate the Occasion.

LONDON CLAIMS RUSSIANS RETIRED AS ANNOUNCED IN PLANS MADE WEDNESDAY

Vienna Statement Says Russians Are Retiring Along Entire Front in Galacia and Poland—Offensive of Allies in the West Continues, is Substance of Combined Reports, But Germany Says Attacks Repulsed.

Berlin, December 17.—Via London—Berlin was aroused to enthusiasm today by the announcement of a great Austro-German victory over the Russians in Poland. An official bulletin announcing this was issued shortly after noon. Within half an hour extra editions of the papers appeared, and the whole city literally flashed into bunting.

American visitors, who a few days ago commented on the non-display of flags, scarcely recognized the streets, which everywhere were gay with German and Austrian colors, at many places intertwined.

At the Reichstag, where a Red Cross meeting was in session, word was received from the Palace that the greatest victory of the war had been won. The schools will close tomorrow, that the children may assemble to celebrate the event.

The first intimation of the nature and extent of the Russian defeat was received here last night and circulated in official quarters, but nothing was known of it generally until the official bulletin was published. It had been understood that the Russians were in a precarious position, but it was not hinted that a decisive result was at hand. The official bulletin issued yesterday reported that operations were "proceeding normally," which phrase is the usual termination of the official reports.

It is known now that thousands of Russians have been taken prisoners.

Russians Reported Retiring.

London, December 17.—"The Russians are retiring along the entire front in Galicia and Poland."

This statement, officially issued at Vienna, is the outstanding feature of tonight's news from the battle fronts.

While there is no confirmation from other sources, such a move on the part of the Russians would be in line with the announcements in Petrograd despatches that the Russians, threatened on both flanks, had decided to take up new positions where they could better meet the Austro-German onslaughts from the Carpathians to the East Prussian frontier.

Should the Austro-German armies, as on previous occasions, follow the Russians in Poland, another big battle will soon be in progress, which may decide whether the Germans are to get to Warsaw or whether the Russians are again to threaten an invasion of Germany.

The Russian delay in fulfilling expectations that they would prove a serious menace to German territory is disappointing the people of the allied countries, but military men express the view that it is better for Russia to fight in her own territory, where means of communication would be more on an equality.

Allied Offensive Continues.

The German and French official communications do not disclose much of what is going on in the West, but it is apparent the Allies are still on the offensive from the coast to LaBasse and at other points. While no marked advances are reported, the French claim progress and to have organized the ground they gained during the preceding days. The Germans, on the other hand, assert that the Allies' attacks have been repulsed.

From the number of wounded reaching the hospitals of both the Germans and the Allies, it is evident that the fighting in Flanders today was more severe than shown in the official statements. Correspondents report that the hospitals again are filling while along the Dutch border continuous firing can be heard.

The long expected proclamation bringing an end to Turkish control over Egypt and the establishment of a British protectorate was officially issued tonight. The last straw doubtless was the action of the Khedive, who was the Sultan's representative in Egypt but with little or no power, in taking sides with Turkey against Great Britain.

Lieut. Col. Sir Arthur Henry McMahon, who has been appointed high commissioner, although a soldier by profession, has had long and varied experience as a political officer in India and other parts of the East. He has been foreign secretary in India since 1911.

THREE STEAMERS SUNK.

One Thought to Have Been Passenger Steamer—All Struck Mines.

South Shields, Eng., Dec. 17 via London—Three steamers, one believed to be a passenger ship, were sunk by mines in the North Sea off Flamborough Head last night.

Only one of these three vessels has so far been identified. This is the steamer Elterwater. Twelve of her crew were saved, but seven lost their lives. The casualties on the other ships have not yet been determined but it is reported that the crew and passengers of the passenger vessel were seen taking to their boats.

The admiralty has announced that all traffic between Flamborough Head and New Castle has been stopped indefinitely.

CONDITIONS LITTLE CHANGED.

Berlin Says Attacks of Allies in West Have Been Repulsed.

Berlin, Dec. 18, by Wireless to London—Army headquarters today issued the following statement:

"Yesterday the French continued their attacks at Nieuport without success. Atttacks were attempted at Zolebecke and LaBasse but were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

"The intention of the French to throw a bridge over the Aisne at Soissons was prevented b your artillery.

"French earth works to the east of Rheims were destroyed."

Scarborough, Dec. 17, via London—The steamer Princess Olga, bound for Aberdeen, Scotland, struck a mine off here last night and went down. The crew of 18 men landed in their own boats.

EGYPT A BRITISH PROTECTORATE

Government Press Bureau Issues Statement as to Change Made.

London, Dec. 17.—The official press bureau tonight issued the following

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WATE[illegible]AYS BILL READY TO REPORT

House Rivers and Harbor Committee Cut Amount

CAPE FEAR GETS SLICE

Over Three Hundred Thousand Dollars Will Be Appropriated for Improvement of Cape Fear and Up River Dams.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The annual river and harbor appropriation bill, carrying $34,138,580 for waterway improvements throughout the country, was completed tonight by the House rivers and harbors committee. Army engineers' estimates were reduced by nearly $20,000,000 and the bill appropriates only for work in projects which already have been begun, making no provision for new undertakings.

After the defeat of the river and harbor bill at the last session of Congress and the appropriation of $20,000,000 to maintain work on existing projects, the board of engineers submitted estimates aggregating $53,000,000. These the committee, according to Chairman Sparkman, "pared to the bone."

All big improvement projects were involved in the committee's efforts to cut the appropriations.

As agreed to by the committee the measure carries no legislative proposal to alter the present method of making appropriations for waterway improvements. No action was taken on various reform plans recently agitated. Representative Sparkman, of Florida, chairman explained that the committee had worked under pressure to hurry up the bill. He said that numerous legislative proposals were pending before the Senate committee which will consider the bill after it leaves the House and that any action would come from the Senate side of the capitol.

The Appropriations.

Among the appropriations in the annual rivers and harbors bill as completed are:

Virginia Mtaponi and Pamunkey rivers, $6,000; Rappahannock $10,000; James $100,000; inland waterway, Norfolk to Beaufort inlet, North Carolina $600,000.

North Carolina: Beaufort harbor $17,000; Beaufort inlet $5,000; Morehead City $8,800; Scuppernong river $5,400; Pamlico and Tar rivers $35,800; Neuse and Trent rivers $32,000; waterway, Pamlico Sound to Beaufort inlet; $8,000; New river and waterway to Beaufort harbor $37,360; Northeast, Black and Cape Fear rivers above Wilmington, other work $12,000, Cape Fear river above Wilmington, locks and dams, $173,000; Cape Fear river at and below Wilmington $205,000; Waccamaw river $55,500.

South Carolina: Winyah bay $50,000; Santee, Wateree and Congaree rivers $20,000.

Tennessee: French Broad and Little Pigeon rivers $40,000.

NORTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

Contained in Bill Agreed Upon by the House Committee.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The following North Carolina items were con-

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BILL NOT FATHERED BY ADMINISTRATION

State Department Reassures British Government.

Ambassador Spring-Rice is Informed That Administration Has Nothing to Do With Hitchcock Bill to Stop Exports.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The State Department has assured the British government that the bill introduced by Senator Hitchcock to prohibit the export of munitions of war and arms and war supplies to belligerent countries was not fathered by the administration.

Ambassador Spring-Rice inquired about the proposed legislation and was told that it was not introduced at the suggestion of the executive branch of the government. Ambassador Page, in London, who cabled to ask about the measure, also was advised that Senator Hitchcock did not represent the administration.

Secretary Bryan declined today to comment on the merits of the measure and no other official of the administration has discussed it.

It was stated that the State Department still has under consideration representations made by the German ambassador, Count Bernstorff, accompanied by exhibits, that American made dum dum bullets were being shipped to the allied powers.

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SITUATION IS NOT CHANGED AT NACO

Secretary Garrison Makes a Full Report to Wilson.

AS TO THE SITUATION

General Bliss Denies That He Issued Ultimatum to Mexican Commander in His Conference With Him Over Situation.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Garrison tonight gave President Wilson the latest reports from Brigadier General Bliss on the situation at Naco, where the Mexican generals have not yet moved their forces to avoid firing into American territory.

The reports showed that the situation had undergone no apparent change, although little firing was in evidence. While the United States is determined, if necessary, to open fire on the two Mexican forces to compel them to stop shooting into the State of Arizona, it was learned tonight that no decisive action was planned, pending efforts of Brigadier General Hugh Scott, now en route to Naco to influence the two factions to adjust the situation.

The general belief in official circles tonight was that some satisfactory understanding would be reached.

While reports from General Bliss to the War Department were not made public, it is believed they indicated that he thought he had persuaded General Maytorena to stop firing across the line. It was there is a definite understanding on the whole situation, it is thought General Bliss has warned General Hill not to take the offensive, which would draw the fire of the Maytorena troops.

General Iturbide's friends in Mexico are fearful for his safety and Secretary Bryan today directed Consul Silliman in the Mexican capital to make representations in his behalf. Iturbide was the civil governor to whom the City of Mexico has turned over when General Blanco withdrew the last of the Carranza forces. He is said to have been imprisoned.

General Bliss today telegraphed Secretary Garrison that published reports that he had delivered an ultimatum to General Maytorena were "false in every particular."

FRANK ASKS WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Attorneys File Petition With Clerk of Court

FOR FREEDOM OF FRANK

Petition Sets Forth That Constitutional Right of American Citizen Was Denied the Convicted Man When Tried.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 17.—Attorneys for Leo M. Frank, under sentence to die January 22nd for the murder here in April, 1913, of Mary Phagan, late today filed with the clerk of the United States district court a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, asking the release of Frank from custody.

The petition alleges that Frank's constitutional rights were violated and that he was convicted without due process of law, in that he was not present in court when the verdict of guilty was returned. It was further alleged that Frank did not have a fair and impartial trial and that the state courts, by the alleged denial of his constitutional rights, lost jurisdiction in his case prior to the rendering of the verdict and the passing of sentence.

Frank's attorneys appeared before Federal Judge W. T. Newman to present the petition. Because Solicitor General Hugh M. Dorsey was unable to be present, Judge Newman would take no action on the matter, but said he would hear the petition next Saturday morning.

Frank's attorneys claims that if Judge Newman should deny the writ, Frank could appeal to the United States Supreme Court and that the state would have similar recourse if the writ were granted. The petition recites that a "boisterous crowd surrounded the court house during Frank's trial and that whenever the state scored a point the crowd outside cheered and shouted, while those in the court room applauded in a manner audible both to the court and the jury."

Excitement Reigned.

"The excitement within and without the court room on August 23rd, 1913," the petition adds, "was so apparent as to cause apprehension in the mind of the court as to whether the trial could

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PEOPLE ON COAST RESUME ROUTINE

Bombarded Towns Are Little Changed by German Fire.

ARE REPAIRING DAMAGE

Those Who Left Are Returning and With Them Crowds of Camera Bearing Tourists Desiring Pictures of Cities.

London, Dec. 17.—Residents of the towns of Scarborough, the Hartlepools and Whitby, which yesterday were bombarded by German cruisers, resumed their ordinary occupations today. The only departure from the regular routine was the arrival of crowds of comera-bearing tourists, the return of those who had fled and busy mechanics at work repairing damage done by the shells.

The mayor of Scarborough placarded the walls with posters advising the people to keep cool, but this hardly was necessary for beyond grief for the loss of friends and neighbors and the little pride displayed at the attention they attracted, citizens went about their business in a natural way. It will not be long before all marks of the gunfire will be removed.

The attitude of the people of England is much the same as that of the bombarded towns. There is no excitement and the only effect of the bombardment is the demand that naturalized Germans and those Germans who have not been naturalized shall be excluded from areas open to a sea attack, and a slight boom in recruiting, which had been slackening at the approach of Christmas.

Boost to Recruiting.

The Right Hon. Thomas J. MacNamara, parliamentary secretary to the admiralty, said the German raid was worth two army corps to Kitchener's army.

It is believed now that the German squadron included at least four battle cruisers of the superdreadnought class and two armored cruisers. The shelling of the Hartlepools and Scarborough was simultaneous, but Whitby was visited after the warships had left the other towns.

An inquest was begun today into the deaths of the 77 persons killed in the Hartlepools and tomorrow a similar inquiry will begin touching the deaths of the 17 Scarborough victims.

There has been some naval activity on the part of the Allies in other parts of the world. British ships have been bombarding the Germans along the Flanders coast and the Turks in the Gulf of Saros, while the Russian Black Sea fleet has sunk a German steamer and an unidentified vessel supposed to be a Turkish warship.

Austria, it is reported, has lost the training ship Beethoven, which, if it was being used for training purposes, would have at least 200 cadets aboard.

COAST TOWNS FORTIFIED.

German Naval Aide at Washington Declares Places Shelled Are Defended.

New York, Dec. 17.—That Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby, the three English towns bombarded by German warships yesterday, are defended places and therefore subject to attack under the rules of war, is the substance of a statement issued here tonight by Captain Franz von Papen, military attache of the German embassy at Washington. The statement follows:

"In reference to yesterday's bombardment of three English coast towns, Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby, by the German fleet, attention is respectfully called to Article 1, of The Hague convention, of October 18th, 1907, which says:

"The bombardment by naval forces of undefended ports, towns, villages,

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HUNDRED TROUSAND BALES ARE EXPORTED

Yesterday Saw Largest Export Movement of Cotton

Heavy Movement Yesterday Sent Season's Total Foreign Shipments to Over Two Million Bales—Improvement is Evident.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—The export movement of cotton today was the largest of any day since the first of the season and the beginning of the European war. Total clearances from all United States ports for foreign ports amounted to 107,331 bales. The increase in shipments will make this week the record week for the season with 291,491 bales cleared already, to which must be added the foreign clearances of tomorrow.

The heavy movement today sent the total foreign clearances for the season to 2,032,169.

The day's clearances mean that forteight spinners and cotton merchants will pay to Southern farmers about $4,000,000 in addition to what they have already paid. Besides, the foreign shipments today 12,541 bales were cleared coastwise, much of which is destined for domestic cotton mills. The grand total of the movement from the ports was 119,872 bales, while receipts at all ports were less than half as much 59,000 bales.

Stocks at all ports now amount to 1,342,626 bales.

SENSATIONAL ROBBERY OF CINCINNATI BANKS

Notorious Automobile Bandit, Wanted in Three States, Robs Two Banks of Large Sums in Broad Daylight, Has Duel With Police, and Only Stopped When His Machine Struck Telegraph Pole—Died Fighting.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—Frank G. Hohl, a notorious automobile bandit, was shot to death by policemen here today after a sensational three hours of crime, which included daylight robberies of two Cincinnati banks, theft of an automobile and a pistol duel with the police, resulting in wounds to one officer that are expected to prove fatal. Thirteen thousand and one hundred dollars is missing as the result of the bank robberies. The police believe that Hohl in his wild automobile drives, managed to pass the money along to confederates.

Shortly after 10 A. M., Hohl entered the Westend branch of the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Company at Eighth and Freeman avenue, fired two shots at Cashier Edward Hughes, scooped up $8,000 in currency and backed through the door. Jumping into a waiting automobile which had been stolen, he quickly disappeared. Cashier Hughes fired after him, but the shots did not take effect.

More than an hour later the bandit entered the Liberty Banking & Savings Company bank at Liberty and Freeman avenue, 10 blocks away, fired two shots at Cashier George Winters, took $5,100 in currency, ran to his automobile and again disappeared. The shots were so close to Winters that he was powder burned, but he was uninjured.

Battle With Police.

Almost two hours after the second robbery, Harry Buckshorn, whose mother conducts an apartment house on West Ninth street, told the police that a man answering to the description of the bandit, had rented a room there yesterday. Three policemen called at the room. When they knocked, the door suddenly was thrown open and Hohl brushed past the officers, firing as he ran. Policeman Edward Knoul was probably fatally wounded.

Hohl again ran to his automobile, which was standing at a nearby corner, and bade fair to again make good his escape. In rounding a corner, however, the machine crashed into a telegraph pole and was wrecked. The bandit jumped out and opened fire on the two officers who had pursued him. In the battle that followed Hohl fell with four bullet wounds in his body. He died shortly afterward at a hospital.

Hohl was well known to the police who claim he shot up an Altoona, Pa., bank, on March 3rd, was arrested and while being conveyed to the Pittsburg jail, threw a cup of coffee in his guard's face and escaped. He was again captured but subsequently escaped from the Hollidaysburg, Pa., jail. He was wanted, authorities declare, for a diamond robbery in Kansas City, Mo., a year ago, where he had assumed the name of Howe. The police say Hohl usually had a woman confederate and search is being made for her.

Mrs. Lulu Hohl, who says she is the wife of the bandit, was arrested tonight, but the police were unable to find any trace of the money taken by the robber.

RECORD AS A CRIMINAL.

Bandit Followed Same Method Used at Cincinnati in Other Robberies.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 17.—Methods pursued by Frank G. Hohl whe nhe robbed the Union Bank of Altoona on March 23rd last, were almost identical with those that cost him his life at Cincinnati today. Driving up to the bank in a stolen taxicab the bandit forcing the paying teller from his cage and wounded the cashier. He took nearly $3,000 in bills from the safe, wounding a depositor he met at the door as he left. Scattering the crowd on the street with a fusillade of shots he disappeared in the taxicab. The machine was found abandoned several hours later. Hohl was arrested at Salem, Ohio, April 4th. He made a desperate attempt to escape in Pittsburg while being conveyed here.

Hohl escaped from the Hollidaysburg jail in a sensational manner April 12th. Making a rope from the mattress cover in his cell he removed his clothing and slipped through the bars of a window eight feet above the floor. The bars, which he had covered with soap were less than six inches apart. He then drew himself up to the roof and lowered himself to the ground with the improvised rope attached to a chimney.

Hohl began his career of crime in Harrisburg, his home city, when a boy.

Colon, Dec. 17.—The Norwegian steamer Falk has been ashore on the San Blas coast near Diablo since Tuesday, according to advices received here today. She has little cargo and her position is regarded as dangerous. She carries no passengers.

The spot where the Falk grounded is about 100 miles east of Colon.

GERMAN AND BRITISH NAVAL FORCES MET UNEXPECTEDLY

Recent Battle in South Atlantic So Disastrous to Small German Fleet Was a Surprise—One British Cruiser Sighted and Remainder of Flotilla Discovered Too Late to Escape Having an Engagement.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 17.—The German cruisers sunk off the Falkland Islands December 8 apparently were taken unawares by the British at a time when neither side was expecting an encounter. First detailed accounts of the battle, which reached here today from Puerto Gallegos, Patagonia, say the Germans were on their way to seize the Falkland islands, British possessions, when they came unexpectedly upon a lone British warship.

Other members of the British fleet, which were taking on supplies from the islands, quickly closed in, and the fate of Admiral Von Spee's squadron soon was sealed.

The story of the battle was told by passengers on the British steamer Orissa, which arrived at Punda Arenas from Callao, Chile. They say that the Germans fought bravely to the end, even colliers refusing to surrender. Losses of the British were placed at eight men.

It was a formidable British squadron which faced the Germans. Included in it were the battleship Canopus, the battle cruisers Invincible and Inflexible and the cruisers Kent, Cornwall, Carnarvon, Bristol and Glasgow. The German squadron consisted of the five cruisers, Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig, Nurnberg and Dresden.

The Battle in Detail.

The British squadron arrived at port Stanley, Falkland Islands, December 7 to take on supplies. The next morning the Canopus, guarding the entrance to the port, sighted a hostile warship. Four others quickly came into view and were recognized as the squadron of Admiral Von Spee. The German warships had left the Chilean islands of Juan Fernandez November 15 to take possession of the Falkland islands, and destroy the wireless station.

Only the Canopus was visible at first to the Germans and they steamed straight at her. The Canopus opened fire and the other British warships rushed to her assistance.

The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig formed in battle line and the Nurnberg and Dresden dropped back.

The British concentrated their fire on the Scharnhorst, Admiral Von Spee's flagship.

When it became evident that she was doomed, her crew assembled on the forward deck. The Scharnhorst refused to surrender and, after an hour's fighting plunged beneath the waves. The crew preserved its formation as the ship went down and cheered as the waters closed about them.

The Glasgow, engaged the Leipzig and sank her. The Gneisenau went down 80 miles from Port Stanley. The Nurnberg attempted to escape but after a pursuit of two hours was sunk. The Carnarvon pursued the Dresden but was not swift enough to overhaul her.

After the battle the British picked up 194 Germans, including a few officers. Of these 100 were from the crews of the two German colliers. An opportunity to surrender was offered the colliers but it was refused and they were sunk.

The cruiser Cornwall was damaged slightly below the water line. None of the other British warships was damaged.

On December 10 funeral services were held by the squadron for the eight British sailors killed.

The British admiralty report of the battle stated that only seven men of the British squadron lost their lives.

GERMAN STEAMER CAPTURED.

By Argentine Cruiser Charged With Violation of Neutrality.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 17.—A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says the Argentine cruiser Pueyrredon has captured the German steamer Eleonore Woermann for an alleged violation of neutrality.

The British steamers Orcoma and Corcobada are remaining in port at Arca, Chile, fearing to put to sea as the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich is outside. The Orcoma is awaiting the arrival of a Peruvian cruiser to accompany her to Callao.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres Wednesday said the Pueyrredon had chased and captured the German steamer Patagonia in the Gulf of San Jorge, altering that she had violated Argentina's neutrality by supplying a German cruiser with provisions. The Eleonore Woermann which belongs to the Woermann Line, was last reported November 9, in the harbor of Buenos Ayres where she had arrived from West Africa.

BRITISH SUPPLY SHIPS HAVE COMPLETED WORK

And Want to Be Considered Merchantmen Again

Vessels Which Have Been Carrying Coal and Supplies tot British Cruisers Make Representations to Col. Goethals.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Two British steamships which have been carrying coal and other supplies to British cruisers in the Caribbean have represented to Col. Goethals at Panama that they have ended their service as naval auxiliaries and desire to be considered as merchantmen. As such they would be permitted to load fuel and supplies for a voyage to a British port.

Secretary Garrison today asked Col. Goethals for evidence as to whether the masters of these vessels are acting in good faith. It was said that on receipt of this evidence clemency probably would be granted the ships. Neither ship has been charged with violation of neutrality. Even though the ships had passed through the canal with supplies for belligerent cruisers, their cargoes were not taken on at an American port and under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty vessels of commerce and war are entitled to use the canal on equal basis.

Officials here today viewed the flurry occasioned by Col. Goethals' request for naval vessels as a closed incident. The Colonel, in a supplemental report said that except for the improper sending of a wireless message by a British collier, he knew of no neutrality violations. The cruiser Tacoma, ordered to the canal zone in response to Col. Goethals, left Guantanamo, Cuba, today for Colon.

Col. Goethals sailed from Colon today on his way to Washington to appear before congressional committees in charge f canal appropriations.

His visit was announced a month ago without reference to any of the recent questions relating to the canal's neutrality.

SAILS FOR AMERICA.

Col. Goethals to Appear Before House Committees Soon.

Colon, Dec. 17.—Col. George W. Goethals, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, accompanied by Mrs. Goethals, left for the United States today on a month's leave of absence. He will spend Christmas with his children and afterwards will appear before the Congressional appropriations committee in Washington. In January he will visit New York to be present at the trial of John Burke, formerly in charge of the commissary department in the Canal Zone, charged with bribery and conspiracy to defraud the government.

THEATRICAL

At the Academy of Music on December 25th, "Within the Law" Bayard Veiller's tremendously successful melodrama, which ran for an entire season at the Eltinge Theatre, New York City, will be seen for return engagement. This four-act play which made the fame of its author in a single night tells an absorbing story of modern conditions in New York life, and has received the public endorsement not only of the President, but of prominent men and women identified with literature, art, politics and the drama. Among those who have lent their names as a guarantee of the worth-while qualities of Mr. Veiller's up-to-date play, may be mentioned besides Woodrow Wilson, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, the suffrage leader; Julius Harburger, sheriff of New York county; David Belasco, the great theatrical producer; Geo. S. Dougherty, police commissioner of New York, and every dramatic critic in the metropolis, including Alan Dale, who wrote of the play, "If you don't thrill, you should, if you are of the right sort, you will."

Six More Reels of "Incomparables."

Yes, of course, the popular photoplay house is right on the job again today with the biggest and best show to be found anywhere for the money. Didn't we tell you this would be the biggest week yet? And hasn't it been, so far? Not less than five reels, and six big reels most of the time.

Today brings some old favorites to the Bijou to entertain the throngs who seek "Wilmington's cozy corner" every afternoon and night. "The Mystery of the Sea View Hotel" is the topliner, a Ilex two-reel detective drama, written especially for Ben Wilson. Mr. Wilson's natural attainments, coupled with his experience, qualify him as few are qualified to act modern detective dramas. See this play and you will see Ben Wilson, formerly of the "Cleek" Edison stories, in one of the greatest detective plays he has ever appeared in.

Then there's another feature on today that's just as big, just as grand, just as spectacular, fully, as the aforementioned picture. It is "The Sands of Fate," a Mutual two-reel drama, featuring those popular stars, Dorothy Gish and Raoul Walsh, with Robert Harron and Cora Drew supporting them.

The fifth reel on the bill is a rousing and mammoth Nestor comedy, "When Lizzie Got Her Polish," featuring that popular trio, Victoria Forde, Eddie Lyons and Bess Meredyth. It will be found thrilling as well as laughable, and will entertain you immensely. Then there's a rousing Keystone "High Spots on Broadway."

Yet Another Great Show.

It is generally admitted, with words of superlative delight and high praise, that the film offerings now being made at the Victoria Theatre, the handsomest theatre, as well as the most comfortable in Wilmington, are the most stupendous, the most select and the most expensive ever presented in Wilmington. Not expensive to amusement lovers, however. Far from it, because these great, wonderful things are offered in such superb setting, for the small price of 5 cents admissions, afternoon and night. Besides its wonderful photoplays the Victoria is setting forth a popular illustrated balladist, Mr. Joe Corbett, and is conducting a big Christmas present contest, the prizes being a handsome talking doll and $10 in gold.

Today's show is another great one, which will afford the folks of Wilmington just the finest kind of pleasure and should not be missed. It will be headed by a great two-part Kalem, and it is a corker. In "A Midnight Tragedy" will be found a gripping story, that will reach every heart. It is a story of modern life, and will be interpreted by a strong cast, headed by John E. Mackin, Harry Millards and Alice Hollister.

Selig will also flash on the big Victoria screen today its very latest dramatic, "The Ranger's Romance," a stirring story of the West, and in which will also appear a big cast. It has just the proper kind of a punch to it. And to climax today's offering in glorious manner will come one of these ever dear "Andy Series." This one is "Andy Falls in Love," and it is a charming "peach". Of course, clever little Andrew J. Clark appears as "Andy."

At the New Grand Today.

A great Friday this is going to be at the New Grand, the handsome theatre that is now all swelled up (and it has a right to be) over the fact that it has been so splendidly remodeled and is such a thing of beauty and comfort. If you haven't dropped in on the New Grand yet you have missed something great. Take that chance today. Of course, if you have already seen it you will be on hand today. It is a habit for those who have visited the New Grand to keep going. Today's show will be headed by that favorite of all actresses, pretty, charming Lillian Walker, who will appear in the Vitagraph's big comedy success, "The Methods of Margaret," Miss Walker has a fine part in this merry story and she is simply great. She is supported by a strong cast. There is another comedy on today that will cause yells of glee and as people love to laugh why you will go minus a big chunk of delight if you miss it. This one is Selig's big funfest, "What Became of Jane."

Of course, the dramatic side has not been overlooked today. It will be represented by Essanay's biggest, "No. 28 Diplomat." It is a thrilling story of this and foreign climes, with one of the prettiest of all love stories running through it. Next will come the very latest Hearst-Selig Pictorial Review, flashing the freshest current events.

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SPORTS

MINOR LEAGUE PILOT TO MANAGE WHITE SOX

Clarence H. Rowland Was Appointed Yesterday

Is Practically Unknown Outside the Inner Circle, But Has Record of TLE—SEVERAL HURT

Chicago, Dec. 17.—To the complete surprise of the baseball world Clarence H. Rowland, last year pilot of a team in a class B circuit, today was named manager of the Chicago American League Club.

Many Chicago fans never had heard of Rowland, but in professional baseball circles he was well known as a successful manager of minor league clubs.

Rowland left the ranks of players for his first managers position at Aberdeen, Washington, in 1908. Thence he went to Jacksonville, Ill., and then returned to Dubuque, Iowa, where he was part owner and manager of the Dubuque Three I League club. Last season he managed the Peoria team in the Three I League, taking it from last place to second.

The new manager will assume his duties soon, succeeding James J. Callahan, who has led the Chicago Americans three seasons. Callahan will be appointed to some position connected with the business affairs of the club, it was announced. The disposition of "Kid" Gleason coach and advisor to Callahan was not announced, but it was rumored he might be made manager of the New York Americans.

Rowland is 33 years old. His contract as manager is for one year at a salary that was not announced.

BASKETBALL AT Y. M. C. A.

Two Interesting Games Promised Tonight—Teams Tied for Position.

Those who journey down to the Y. M. C. A. tonight will be amply rewarded. Two basketball games are scheduled in the Y. M. C. A. Commercial Basketball League. The games will be hard fought and of greater interest than most basketball games because the teams that oppose each other are tied in the league standing. Elvington & Mintz and the National Woolen Mills are both tied for the cellar position; Baxters and Jacobi are tied for the lead. The first game will be between Elvington & Mintz and the National Woolen Mills and will be sure to bring out all that is in each team because much is at stake, it means that the one that wins will pull out of the cellar and the one that loses will be bumped down a little farther.

The second game between Baxters and Jacobi should be a read head-liner. Both teams share equal honors, each having won two games and lost none. Both teams are in the pink of condition and have been putting in some hard practice the last week and feel confident that each will come out victorious after tonight's conflict, this game means a lead of one game in the standing and a good start for the championship rag.

TWO GAMES TONIGHT

Teams of Thursday Night League Meet at Boys' Brigade.

There will be two games of basketball at the Boys' Brigade this evening when the teams of the Thursday Night League meet in the usual contests which were postponed last evening on account of the entertainment in the armory by the Southside Baptist church.

These teams are even more closely bunched than were those of the Friday Night League, as the Skeeters are tied with the Orioles for first place, and when they come together this evening the contest promises to be one of the hardest fought of the season at the Brigade. The Bugs and the Rebels will also stage a hotly contested game.

The games will begin at 8 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

ROWE TO ARRIVE SATURDAY.

New Manager to Take Charge of the Greensboro Baseball Club.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—W. H. Rowe, who was recently selected as manager of the Greensboro baseball club for 1915, will be here Saturday to talk over the baseball situation with the directors. He has already done very effective work toward getting the team lined up for the season. In a letter to one of the local fans he is very enthusiastic over the prospects. He speaks in high terms of "Doc" High, signed for an outfielder; Welch, of High Point, signed for an infield place, and "Doc" Watson, who comes in exchange for Ferrit. The hitting of these three men last season was as follows: High, .426; Watson .313, and Welch .254. Last season was the first time Welch played professional ball.

Manager Rowe says he will have 18 or 20 men for the try-out and he is absolutely sure that he can get a team that will finish well. He is now working to get a couple of absolutely trustworthy pitchers. Two men who will be given try-outs are from the Lenoir College team, Paul Yoder, an infielder, and R. R. Houck, who plays in the outer garden.

IMPORTANT MEETING TODAY OF LAWN TENNIS COMMITTEE

New York, Dec. 17.—The meeting here tomorrow of the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association is expected to be the most important in the history of the association. The chief business will be to review and approve the national ranking list prepared by F. C. Inman, chairman, W. M. Hall, and W. L. Pate. The report of this committee is said to mark an epoch in American lawn tennis.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., Dec. 18.—The Trinity varsity basketball team started on its first trip for the season this morning. The squad will meet three teams, and will play in all four games, the first of which will be played tonight with the strong quintette of Guilford college, the second will be fought out with the Statesville Y. M. C. A., team on Thursday night on the floor of the latter, and the third and fourth games will be with the Charlotte Y. M. C. A. on Friday and Saturday nights at Charlotte.

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Amount Collected in License Taxes Alone in Year

Number of Machines Nearly 15,000 —Nearly 2,000 New Corporations Chartered in Two Years —Many Railroads.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—The number of automobiles in North Carolina has increased from 9,018 in 1910 to 14,877 for the fiscal year ending December 1, 1914, and under the automobile tax enacted by the 1913 Legislature the revenue to the State from these automobiles was $98,640. There were licenses issued during the past year for 1,300 motorcycles.

The biennial report of Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes shows that during the two years ending December 1 there were issued the following charters and charter amendments for railroads:

Amendment to the charter of the Hiawasse Valley Railway Company; charter for Carolina Railway Company; Pembroke, Red Springs & Northern Railroad Company; Richland Railroad Company; Warrenton & Norlina Railway Company; Atlantic & Carolina Railway Company; for merger of North and South Carolina Railway Company and Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway Company; Gulf & Day Railway Company; Seabeach Railway Company; Shelby & Northern Railway Company, and Wilmington & Fort Fisher Railway & Power Company.

During the two years just closed there were charters issued for 72 banking institutions under the State law and there were charters for 2,119 corporations. There were three hundred land grants issued that brought in fees to the State aggregating $9,379.

Forestry Convention.

The North Carolina Forestry Association is planning for a great meeting here January 13 which is intended to impress upon the members of the General Assembly to be in session at that time the necessity for advanced forestry legislation for the protection of forests of the State from ravages by fires and also from wasteful cutting of timber. Governor Craig has accepted an invitation to deliver an address in connection with the meeting. The lumber men of the State are being largely interested in the forestry protection work and Mr. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, president of the North Carolina Pine Association, is to deliver an address before the convention.

Church Campaign Closes.

A week's campaign in the interest of missions and quickening of interest and service in the parish work, held jointly by the parishes of the Church of the Good Shepherd and Christ Episcopal church, was rounded up tonight with a supper for the men of the two parishes, a feature of which was a stirring address by Mr. John W. Wood, of New York. The work the past week for the two parishes has been done by Rev. R. W. Patton, of Atlanta, and Rev. L. G. Wood, of Charleston. Wonderful development in parish work and improvement of parish finances, especially through the "every member canvass" and other special features, achieved in the Charleston parishes and the Parish of St. James' church, Wilmington, N. C., were held up to the members of the parishes here as glowing examples of advancement possible through the system proposed and which has been enthusiastically adopted for the Raleigh Episcopal churches.

Will Manage Hotel Himself.

B. H. Griffin, head of the corporation operating the Yarborough hotel here, has decided to assume the active management of the hotel himself, following the retirement of J. T. Matthews as manager to engage in the hotel business in Charlotte, and he has made W. H. Plummer assistant manager in active charge. F. T. Banks, of Goldsboro, has been made bookkeeper, succeeding W. D. Banner, and D. C. Sinclair has resigned as chief clerk and been succeeded by J. M. Paulling. The Yarborough is just bringing into service an additional equipment of 60 rooms added during the past summer and fall. These will add greatly to Raleigh's hotel capacity during the strenuous and crowded conditions that prevail during the Legislature.

HEAVY INCREASE IN FOODSTUFF EXPORTS

Over Three Hundred Per Cent Over Last Year

November Figures for This Year and for 1913 Are Much Different According to Report—Big Decrease in Cotton.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Three hundred per cent increase in exports of foodstuffs, due principally to the European war, characterized November foreign trade compared with the same month last year. Breadstuffs valued at $40,232,882, an increase of $30,125,000, were sent abroad the Department of Commerce announced today. Meat and cattle exports increased $2,364,000.

Exports of cotton amount to $31,923,314, a decrease of $71,000,000 from November 1913, and total mineral oils showed a decrease of almost $2,000,000.

The total value of domestic breadstuffs, cotton seed oil, food animals, meat and dairy products, cotton and mineral oils exported in November was $97,191,986 against $138,402,537 in November 1913, and for the 11 months ending with November $297,190,906 against $950,531,838 for the 11 months of 1913.

The belligerents' heavy demand for foodstuffs is shown in the increase in corn exports of from $33,903 in November 1913, to $1,759,109 this year; oats from $249,150 to $3,900,174; wheat from $3,479,259 to $22,819,570; flour from $.741,576 to $7,827,773; canned beef from $23,761 to $1,353,388; fresh beef from $60,753 to $1,434,684; and bacon from $2,230,514 to $2,681,815.

Breadstuffs exported during the 11 months were valued at $244,449,310, an increase of $64,121,000 over the same period of 1913.

MR. NEWELL APPEALS TO COAST LINE EMPLOYEES

For "Safety First" During the Holiday Rush

General Superintendent Implores Trainmen and Others to Exercise Keen Alertness and Vigilance to Avoid Accidents.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 17.—Safety first is the keynote of a special bulletin just issued by General Superintendent Newell, of the Atlantic Coast Line, to all superintendents, agents, enginemen, trainmen, yardmen, conductors and others having to do with the operation of trains, making an urgent appeal for eternal vigilance during the holiday rush season on the part of all and closing with the declaration that "an ounce of safety first prevention is worth a pound of negligence cure."

The superintendent directs the employes' attention to the fact that between the 15th and 25th of December and usually lasting through the holidays the travel is heavy and apparently liquor is coming into this territory in great quantities. In this personal letter to the men who make up this part of the great system, and which is rather an innovation in railroad operation in this section, it is declared, "many accidents resulting either in personal injury or fatality may be avoided by being constantly on the alert. This is not only necessary and exceedingly important from a standpoint of economy, but far more so from a humanitarian standpoint, and I desire to request each one of you to be impressed with the importance of this, and to emphasize it to your associates and all concerned, giving close supervision to your work."

This plan of personal appeal in a letter to the men who have in charge the safety of the traveling public is an innovation in this section but is in hearty accord with the plan of General Superintendent Newell making for safety of life and limb first, last, and always on the Atlantic Coast Line.

National Convention Coming.

In preparation for the 20th annual session of the United Amateur Press Association which is to hold its national convention in this city in July, 1915, the local organization, the Blarney's, in session last night inaugurated the preliminaries for a royal entertainment and incidentally started a fund for this purpose. The United Amateurs of the United States is representative of the great work by amateurs in journalism throughout the nation, and there are enrolled more than a thousand members including foreign representation in several countries.

Pork a Plenty—Independent.

"And you can add I will sell my cotton when I get ready," was the comment directed to the newspaper man who on yesterday made inquiry as to the total pounds of seven porkers killed by Mr. Jesse Brake, a prominent Edgecombe county planter, on whose farm yesterday was the annual observance of "hog killing." There were seven hogs killed, the oldest of them being only 14 months while the two smaller were less than a year old, and as a matter of comparison and for the information of the newspaper a weight was recorded after they had been dressed and they weighed respectively 470 pounds, 314 pounds, 367 pounds, 447 pounds, 448 pounds, 469 pounds and 477 pounds or a total of nearly a ton and one-half of meat from seven pigs.

WILSON DENIES SUGGESTION.

That He is Opposing Claude Kitchin for Leadership or Chairmanship.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—President Wilson has denied the suggestion that he is opposing Representative Kitchin for the chairmanship of the ways and means committee or for the majority leadership of the House. He says it is none of his business who the Democrats of the House select for their leader.

Senator Overman has secured the appointment of G. I. Hodges, of Kinston, as a field agent for the Department of Commerce to secure tobacco statistics in North Carolina. P. R. A.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1914.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 P. M., January 14, 1915, for the construction complete (including mechanical equipment) of medical officers' quarters at the United States Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C. The building is a two-story frame structure with a ground area of 1,170 square feet. Drawings and specifications may be obtained from the custodian at Wilmington, N. C., or at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. O. Wenderoth, Supervising Architect.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover:

By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

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Real, Live Lion Hunt In New York Streets

FIVE BEASTS ESCAPE FROM THEATRE AND POLICE GIVE BATTLE—SEVERAL BADLY HURT

New York, Dec. 17.—A lion hunt was staged in the streets of New York late today. Five lions, which escaped from the stage of the Eighty-sixth street theatre when the house was filled with a matinee audience, were attacked with revolvers by scores of policemen and finally subdued.

Only one of the lions reached the street. It was killed in a tenement house after it had severely injured two policemen. The other four lions were cornered in the theatre building and driven back to their cages.

A police sergeant and a policeman were shot, the former seriously, by bullets intended for the lions. Two other men, it was reported, also were shot. Dozens of women fainted and more than a hundred were knocked down in the wild stampede when the lions broke away.

The scene of the lion hunt, East Eighty-Sixth street, near Lexington avenue, was the center of a throng that numbered tens of thousands before the clash finally ended.

THREE NEW BUILDINGS FOR SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE MINDED

Expenditures of $125,000 Recommended by Board of Directors.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 17.—The trustees of the North Carolina School for the Feeble Minded, in annual session here today, decided to recommend expansion of the institution involving an expenditure of about $125,000, including three buildings.

Dr. C. B. McNairy was re-elected superintendent; D. F. Wooten, of Kinston, a new trustee, was made head of the executive committee. The entire faculty was retained.

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Cold treatment makes a woman hot.

Whose gonna invent a new suspender that will do the work and stay a while?

Made in America—A great deal of unnecessary noise for the purpose of gaining notoriety.

Then among other Southern poets is the Bentztown Bard who contributes column after column of mellifious rhythm to the Baltimore Sun.

"Death e'er knocks with impartial fate At cottage door and palace gate," War's victims are the true and brave, E'en non-combatants face the grave.

It is not a good idea to sand warships to every official who wires for them, for a man who is not the right sort of man can take a warship and start something big.

When a man makes his wife a Christmas present, she wants to know how much money he had left so she can get it and exchange the present for one to cost more.

A philosophical benedict says married men have their ups and downs, but he declares that no married man was ever so miserable and unfortunate as a crusty old bachelor.

A fashion writer says: "Skirts are to be fuller." It should have been stated that skirts are to be wider and more ample. They won't be near so full as narrow skirts which used to be so chock full of girl.

You can't help but feel Christmas in your bones but your heart is where Santa Claus wishes to make his presence felt. Santa Claus is a spirit? How many people know the difference between a spirit and a ghost?

Uncle Sam's volcano, Lassen Peak, in California, erupted for the 64th time on Tuesday when a new vent sent up a jet of vapor to a height of 3,000 feet. Lassen seems to be doing a lot of publicity work for the 'Frisco Exposition.

Colonel Goethals did not want those warships sent to the canal for fun. It might have been suspected that he wanted them to enforce neutrality in the Canal Zone. In fact, he wired for help and that was his reason for doing so.

A boy's reason why his 13-year-old sister should quit hanging up her stocking is because his sock won't hold one-fourth as much as her hosiery. He also says she fudged last Christmas, by hanging up her mother's stocking and claiming it for hers.

They have traced the manufacture of dum dum bullets to manufacturers in the United States. It seems to have taken a long time to make the discovery, but it has been known for at least three months that leaden missiles were being shipped from the United States. A bullet which is soft enough to flatten or split upon a bone is a dum dum, or soft-nose bullet. Probably the manufacturers did not know what a d. d. bullet was.

It is fairly safe to predict that there will be considerable curtailment in the South's cotton production the coming year, whether or not the farmers generally reach any agreement to that effect or voluntarily reduce their acreage as a matter of good business policy. It requires money and credit to produce a cotton crop, and a very large proportion of the cotton growers will be forced by lack of these essentials to curtail their production whether they reduce their acreage or not.

The boys' corn clubs of Brunswick county have made their reports, showing that the youngsters this season made from 30 to 66 1-2 bushels of corn per acre at a good profit. A number of boys made close on to 50 bushels per acre, while Barney Bennett, of Exum, made 66 1-2 bushels at a cost of 22 cents per bushel. That Brunswick acre has produced a corn profit that will buy nearly two bales of cotton or the cotton production of two good acres of land.

REDUCE THE ACREAGE TO INCREASE THE PRICE.

It is clear that, with 1,500,000 bales of cotton left over from the 1913 crop and a 1914 crop which will turn out not less than 16,000,000 bales, the surest means of increasing the price of cotton is an immediate agreement to reduce the acreage at least 50 per cent, or even lower. Say that cutting the acreage in half would be the result of agreement, even then we could count on a production of 8,000,000 bales next year, so that for the two years supply we would have nearly or quite 25,000,000 bales. That is all the world will consume during the next two years, so that it depends upon the size of next year's crop whether we are going to have 6 cents cotton or not.

Commerce and Finance is convinced that under present prospects and conditions prices are at or nearly at the irreducible minimum. That is, cotton prices probably will not go lower, but it is quite possible that they may if the acreage is not greatly reduced. New York cotton men do not take acreage reduction seriously, but Mr. Theo. H. Price, editor of Commerce and Finance, does. Taking a look forward, he says in his journal:

"The slight decline in futures that occurred upon the publication of the government's crop estimate was more in response to tradition than because the figures proved anything that was not previously admitted. The semi-monthly ginning reports long ago made it clear that this crop was well in excess of 16,000,000, and in this paper for November 25th we said that 'whether the crop shall be 16,500,000 or 17,000,000 bales depends entirely upon whether the price hereafter shall be sufficiently attractive to induce the gathering of the cotton that shall be left in the fields after Christmas.'

"The broad question before the trade is not one of supply and demand, for the supply is in excess of any immediate requirement but, are present prices low enough to insure a reduced acreage and production next year? If they are then cotton may be bought and will be bought in large quantity by manufacturers as well as by that very large class of intelligent speculators who believe that a staple article is a safe and profitable investment whenever it can be purchased at less than the cost of production.

"There are those who profess skepticism with regard to a reduction in acreage next season. This skepticism we cannot share. We believe that the acreage will be reduced, not because of an academic belief that it is economically wise, but because the farmers can't do otherwise. Up to date there have been ginned about 13,500,000 bales. Northern spinners have taken 1,011,494; Southern spinners have consumed 1,110,000; there has been exported 1,739,217; there is on shipboard, not cleared, 322,954; a total of 4,183,665, leaving 9,316,335 bales that are being held and financed somewhere and somehow, principally in the South. This situation cannot be materially changed by planting time, and it is upon the effect that the burden of carrying this accumulation will have upon the bankers, merchants and planters of the South that we rely for a reduction in acreage that will be without precedent since the Civil War."

Mr. Price takes the logical view, but it is for cotton growers to take the practical view. They must reduce acreage for the simple reason that they cannot afford to produce even a normal crop of cotton next year. The quicker the South's farmers agree on that course, the sooner will the world's cotton men make up their minds that the South is in earnest about a half crop next year. That would at once stiffen prices. Preparations for extensive planting the coming season surely will knock the spots out of the market during the next three to six months.

NORTH CAROLINA MARKETS

A few days ago it was reported in correspondence from Newbern that the oyster and fish dealers of that city were very much depressed because the supply of these commodities there greatly exceeded the demand. It seems that the fishermen and oyster gatherers had been abundantly successful and the Newbern dealers had been buying to such an extent that they were unable to find markets for their stocks.

About the same time there came reports from Morehead City and Beaufort that the dealers in the same commodities there were hardly able to supply the great demand being made upon them. The market at Newbern was glutted and at the same time there was a demand less than 40 miles away that could scarcely be supplied. There was nothing in the reports mentioned to indicate the difference, if any, in the market prices at the two points.

Recently a statement was widely published in the State to the effect that the fruit growers of Western Carolina have abundant stocks of dried apples and other fruits for which they are unable to find markets. At the same time it is probable that they would be glad to take for these products the prices we are paying in Eastern Carolina, perhaps less.

The current weekly report, by the marketing division of the State Department of Agriculture, of prices of farm products at various points in North Carolina, shows corn quoted in Fayetteville at $1.10 to $1.25 a bushel, while the same product was quoted at Charlotte at 85 cents to 95 cents; Greensboro 90 cents; Wilmington 81 to 83 1-2 cents; Wilson 80 cents, and Raleigh 87 to 95 cents, the higher price in each instance being effective in less than car lots and the lower by the car load. Cotton seed ranged from $16 to $24 per ton and cotton seed meal from $24 to $28.

Now, if these figures and reports are correct, it all goes to show a deplorable lack of efficient and adequate marketing facilities in North Carolina for the products of our own State. The State will not have reached the point where it will afford the best opportunities to all its citizens until the conditions are such that there can be no glutting of the market for any particular North Carolina product in any locality so long as there is a demand for that product in another part of the State.

There is no reasonable cause why corn should be worth from 25 to 30 cents a bushel more in Fayetteville than it is worth in Charlotte, or Wilmington, or Raleigh. Conditions, should be such that any demand in any community in the State that would materially increase the price of any North Carolina product would be immediately supplied by other localities that are so well supplied as to depress prices. This condition should apply not only to corn, fish and oysters, but to apples and other fruits, cabbage and other vegetables and all commodities which are both produced and consumed in North Carolina.

As we understand it, such a condition is the aim and purpose of the division of marketing of the Department of Agriculture. That, as we understand it, is the purpose back of the publishing of the reports from which the figures above are taken. It is a commendable work, and The Star hopes that the result will be all that those conducting it expect.

The truth is we have to learn more about distribution and marketing than we do, and know how to get demand and supply in touch.

"A BAR OF SONG"

The South, practically, has a new author of rhythmic and metric literature in Henry E. Harman, yet he has been a writer of poetry many years. In fact he is the author of at least six volumes of poems, but he is new in that he has gained recognition here of late among the critics of versified production. He has produced enough now to be ranked as a poet on the merit of his works. His first book came out in 1901, and while he is a successful business man he takes time to court the muses or to let them be his companions.

Poet Harman's latest book is "A Bar of Song," just from the publishing house of The State Company, Columbia, S. C. Besides publishing one of the South's leading daily papers that company is a 'book-making concern, and it can be said that the books "made in Columbia" are the equal in technical finish of those of any metropolitan publisher. "A Bar of Song" is a good sample of book making, and surely those who read the latest lines of Harman will recognize in him a poet by nature, a realm in which he excels.

Harman is a Georgian by birth and a look over his last book enables us to detect that his genius is one of a peculiarly individual kind. The tone of his work marks him as a reverential being of high ideals. His style is intrinsically pure, and word and line and verse in his work breathe purity and all the high and noble inspiration of a poet who has a high standard all his own.

The poet is a lover of nature, a lover of love, and a lover of the good, and he has the true afflatus that enables him to write in words of cadence and lines of melody. His is a gentle, soulful verse that appeals to our higher nature, and every one of his poems lifts one up from beginning to end. There is beauty and sweetness in his writings rather than the sweeping characteristic of some poets who lose their own individuality in endeavoring to reach a higher realm of art.

Harman puts deep sentiment, mind pictures and reminiscences in verse, and he carries the reader along with human interest verse that charms and edifies as well. In some instances he drops mere technique and turns out a poem almost novel for its apparent drift in style, the result being in those instances that he establishes a new line of originality.

In "A Bar of Song" Harman writes in a field that is both different and refreshing, and those who are keeping up with our Southern poets will find deep interest in the marked sincerity and motive in his work.

The book sells for $1.50, postage paid, and will be sent upon application to The State Publishing Company, Columbia, S. C. The poet's other works may also be secured from that company.

MORE PROGRESS IN BRUNSWICK.

Brunswick county is coming up all the time. Last week three townships placed $35,000 in bonds for good roads construction during the coming year, and this week the Southport News says "the up-building of Brunswick county farms will start on January 15th," because, our esteemed contemporary adds, "that is the date set for the putting on of a farm demonstrator in the county."

That is a good investment for Brunswick county and she has enterprising farmers who are anxious to add to their farming knowledge. A well-to-do Brunswick farmer, who used to think prosperity depended upon "operating in turpentine and naval stores," told us recently that he has found out that Brunswick is just as good a farming region as the best of them. He stated that he found that out by trying farming. He admitted that he had farming ideas but little farming knowledge, but he found Brunswick county so generous to a man who tries that he is making a better living and saving more money than he did when he "turpentined" his time away.

Our friend is anxious to know more about farming because he says there is more in the soil than there is in him, yet he is a hustler. A good farmer is the very man a farm demonstrator wants and a demonstrator is what the best of farmers need, for two heads are better than one in working out a problem or following the line of progress. Not only that, all problems and all lines of progress need the whole push to accomplish the best results. It is general co-operation that is sure to promote the development of a county and advance the interests of all its people.

We look upon a farm demonstrator as the leader of an agricultural movement like we look upon a general for a military movement, so we attach a great deal of importance to the fact that Brunswick has been progressive enough to do its part towards paying an expert agriculturist to co-operate with her farmers in making agricultural progress.

At a recent meeting the county commissioners settled the matter of having a demonstrator, after advising with District Agent R. W. Freeman, of Wilson. They left the selection of a demonstrator to the State Board of Agriculture, and it can be said that one of the best results of Brunswick's new movement is that it assures for her the close co-operation of the National and State departments of agriculture. Brunswick is going to get the benefit of the two great departments which can be depended upon to help counties which propose to help themselves.

The Star is glad to see Brunswick doing things. She is our neighbor and one of the units of what we must make a Greater Cape Fear country. The possibilities are in Brunswick. We know it and are not guessing at it at all. Brunswick has her eyes open now and in a few years she is going to open the eyes of all of North Carolina.

HOW TO SETTLE HOMESEEKERS

While the South has an idea of securing Belgian immigrants as settlers, it is well enough to remind the people of our States that the first thing for us to do is to organize farms companies or colonizing schemes which shall have the ability to offer newcomers of any kind opportunities on good terms.

If we get any Belgian immigrants they will have to be settled in communities where they will be in touch with each other. Let us establish a "Little Belgium" in Eastern North Carolina and make sure that we get a good class of those people. They must be given opportunities in keeping with their own methods of farming. They will need homes fit to live in and lands that will suit their methods. If they were a success on their own line in Belgium they will be equally successful in their own way here.

We cannot at once successfully assimilate them into our agricultural or labor systems, but we can settle them in communities where they can build up with assistance and make homes that may sooner or later be their own. That is the way to make them contented. Contentment is what will keep them after they come.

A man who would not take a ham may take offense and get in jail by simply acting on the offensive.

CURRENT COMMENT.

We never expect to see a legislature that will have the nerve to put the burdens of taxation on the majority.—Durham Herald.

We heard of a renter who fired his tenant out of his house this week. The tenant was an honest man and a hard worker, but the war's effects upon business had put him on the streets, out of a job. The chances are the man who owned the house could have carried the tenant through the hard times without feeling the loss of revenue, but he didn't see it that way. And yet it is likely that this same renter sheds great gobs of brine when thinking of far-away Belgian sufferers and goes down into his jeans for a big contribution. There is a lot of purblind charity in this world, but it is not a general infection, thank the Lord for that.—Charlotte News.

Sure. The new county delegations are going to be in evidence about the hotel and Capitol lobbies when the Legislature meets. The Legislature would feel that something was radically wrong with the State should this not be the case. We believe there are four separate new county projects in soak. Each delegation will come with the same old stock arguments, but the advocates of Jarvis county will be reinforced with a political reason. By the formation of Jarvis county, it is claimed, Harnett, which went pellmell Republican in the last election, could be made Democratic again. Johnston would also be made a Democratic county, and Sampson would be made doubtful. The Observer does not want to prejudice any new county movement, but it believese that better reasons than those of mere political advantage should be advanced for the formation of new counties. This sort of legislation is risky.—Charlotte Observer.

Funeral of Young Son.

The funeral of John E. Bordeaux, the two-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bordeaux, who died early Wednesday morning, was conducted from the residence of the parents, No. 904 South Third street, by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The interment was in Bellevue cemetery. The bereaved parents will have the sympathy of many friends.

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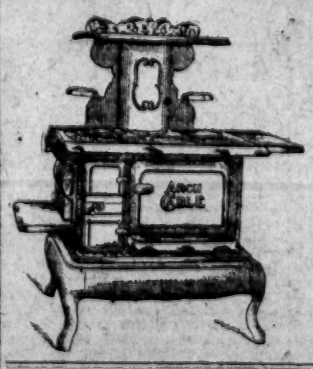
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COMMISSIONERS WANT SEVERAL LAWS CHANGED

County Fathers Make Recommendations

Method Suggested for Making Annual Appropriations to Health Board —To Extend Auditor's Term of Office.

The enactment of an amendment to the law consolidating the City and County Boards of Health so as to provide a definite method by which the annual appropriations can be made; a readjustment between the City and County on a more uniform and equitable basis for paying the expenses of its charitable institutions; the changing of the term of office of the County Auditor to four years with an increase in salary commensurate with the work of the office; an amendment to the law relating to the Recorder's court, so that the Recorder would be placed under the same restrictions as other county officers, and the passing of a law giving the Board of County Commissioners authority to appoint special officers, are recommendations made to Senator-elect W. B. Cooper and Representative-elect W. P. Stacy by the New Hanover Board of Commissioners in resolutions unanimously adopted yesterday afternoon.

The Commissioners also request that, if possible, a law be passed requiring all papers transferring the title to taxable property to be presented to the County Auditor and his certificate secured that all back taxes have been paid, before such paper shall be received for registration by the Register of Deeds.

The resolutions, which were introduced by Commissioner W. A. McGirt, were read by the Chairman M. S. Willard and, with the exception of explanations as to the purpose of each of the changes suggested, there was no discussion, the resolutions being adopted as a whole unanimously.

The necessity of giving the Commissioners authority to appoint special officers with the same authority as Deputy Sheriffs was pointed out. The Sheriff recently had some difficulty in securing a bond because the surety company was unwilling to assume the risk unless it was known positively what deputies served in the office. This would also give the Commissioners authority to appoint officers for duty in the county whenever their services are needed to preserve law and order.

The Recorder is now placed on the same basis as a Superior Court judge and as such is answerable only to the General Assembly. Being strictly a county office, the Commissioners take the position that he should be placed on the same basis as other county officers.

The Commissioners feel that there should be some definite method by which the annual appropriation for the City and County Boards of Health is made and while it was suggested in the resolutions that this be done by a joint meeting of City Council and the County Commissioners, it was pointed out that if a better method could be devised than this that the Commissioners would be agreeable to such a plan.

Senator-elect W. B. Cooper and Representative-elect W. P. Stacy were not present when the resolutions were adopted, although they attended the meeting earlier in the afternoon. They took no part in the discussions.

Following is a copy of the resolutions adopted:

"Whereas the experience of the past two years has shown us that several changes are desirable in certain laws relating to county affairs, therefore be it

"Resolved, That our views are hereby made known to our Senator and Representative and that they be requested to have enacted such legislation as may be necessary to put these views in effect.

"First: We request our legislators to secure the passage of a law which will give to the Board of County Commissioners the power to appoint special officers who may have the authority of a Deputy Sheriff, but who shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of County Commissioners.

"Second: That if possible a law be passed requiring all papers transferring the title to taxable property to be presented to the auditor and his certificate secured that all back taxes have been paid, before such paper can be received by the Register of Deeds for registration.

"Third: That the amendment to the law relating to the Recorder's court be changed, in so far as it provides that the Recorder shall be placed on the same basis as a judge of the Superior Court, and that the law in this respect be made to read as originally enacted.

"Fourth: That the law consolidating the City and County Boards of Health be amended so as to provide a definite method by which the annual appropriation for health work can be decided upon, and when the total annual appropriation is decided upon that the Board of Health be left to expend said sum as in their judgment is best for the community. We suggest that a joint meeting of City Council and County Commissioners might be empowered to fix the amount of the annual appropriation.

"Fifth: That some readjustment between the City and County on a more equitable and uniform basis than exists at present, be provided by law for the expenses of the James Walker Memorial hospital, the Associated Charities, the United Charities, the Tuberculosis hospital and any other charitable or public organization which may ask for financial aid from both City and County.

"Sixth: That the County Auditor's term of office be changed from two to four years and that his salary be increased to an amount commensurate with the work of his office.

"Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Senator and Representative from this county."

ON THE UPWARD CLIMB.

Thermometer Advances Towards Top and Cloudy Weather Results.

The thermometer was on the upward climb yesterday, although taking a temporary tumble during the night, with the result that the Weather Man promised cloudy weather for today and possibly for tomorrow. The temperature last night was 37 degrees as compared with 34 degrees for the same hour the night previous. The minimum yesterday was 25 degrees and the maximum was 45.

OPINION IN MILK TRUST CASE

Digest of Finding of Supreme Court in Suit Brought Against Several Local Dairymen.

Of more than ordinary interest, not only here but throughout the State, was the decision of the Supreme Court Wednesday in the case of the State vs. Ed C. Craft and others—commonly known as the "Milk Trust case"—in which the conviction and fine of $10 each against the defendants in Superior Court was confirmed by the higher tribunal, as announced in yesterday's Star. The following digest of the Supreme Court's opinion, appearing in yesterday's News and Observer, will be read with interest here:

State vs. Craft and others is an indictment, and conviction for conspiring and combining to raise the price of milk in Wilmington, N. C. The defendants are indicted under the common law.

It was alleged that Craft and other dealers were selling milk for ten cents a quart and they conspired together to raise the price and did raise the price. There was in evidence, a printed notice signed by all the defendants notifying the public that after Nov. 1, 1913, they would not furnish milk to the public for less than 12 1-2 cents per quart. This notice was published in the Morning Star. After that date the defendants did not sell milk for less than 12 1-2 cents. The defendants were convicted and appealed to the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice Clark writing the opinion for the Supreme Court states: "The defendants are not indicted for raising the price of milk, which each of them had the right to do, if done without agreement and combination with others, nor are they indicted for agreeing to create a monopoly and crush competitors, but they are charged with conspiring and agreeing to raise the price of milk.

"Such combination was indictable at common law. The subject is one of vital interest at the present time and has been thoroughly discussed by Chief Justice White of the United States Supreme Court in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco Co., cases, 221 U. S.

As to certain exceptions to evidence, he states: "A conspiracy to raise the price of the necessaries of life being a crime at common law, it could be no defense to show that another person than one of the conspirators sold the same commodity at as high a price as these defendants had agreed upon, or that the witness might think the price agreed upon a reasonable one, or that the article could not be produced profitably at less than the price agreed on, in view of the conditions under which the defendants were carrying on the business. The indictment was not for raising the price but for the combination and agreement to do so."

As to an alleged variance between indictment that defendants raised price to 13 cents and proof that they only raised to 12 1-2 cents, he states "The gist of the charge is the unlawful agreement and combination to raise the price and the proof is that the defendants did so agree, and in consequence of such agreement, did raise the price. Whether the agreement and raise was to 13 or 12 1-2c is immaterial."

"The exception to the conclusion of the indictment 'against the form of the statute' because the indictment was for a common law offense cannot be sustained. In fact, the indictment concludes both 'against the form of the statute and also against the peace and dignity of the State.' But we have long outgrown such matters as that and have long held that the conclusion is a mere matter of form and surplusage."

Again he states, "The evidence was uncontradicted that the defendants signed the agreement to raise the price of milk, that together they controlled 60 per cent of the output of that necessary article in Wilmington, and it was admitted by them that in consequence of the said agreement they raised the price of milk from 10c to 12 1-2c per quart. The court did not direct a verdict to be entered but told the jury that such agreement and admission of the defendants would make the defendants guilty. The jury took the case and later returned their verdict in accordance with the opinion of the court upon these facts which were not controverted. This the court could do, State vs. Riley, 113 N. C., 648, where the distinction is pointed out."

In conclusion Chief Justice Clark points out the fact that although the solicitor and trial judge were of the opinion that there was no statute on the subject in North Carolina, that Ch. 41, secs. 1, 2 and 3, Laws 1913 does cover crimes of this kind. No error in the trial."

MR. PLUMMER TO RALEIGH

Becomes Assistant Manager at the Yarborough Hotel There.

Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer has the following which will be read with interest by friends of Mr. W. H. Plummer in this city:

"Today Mr. F. T. Banks, of Goldsboro, will become bookkeeper of the Yarborough hotel, succeeding Mr. W. D. Banner. This will make almost a complete shift in the office since the resignation of Mr. J. T. Matthews as manager. Mr. W. H. Plummer took charge last Saturday as assistant manager, the managership being held by Mr. B. H. Griffin. On Monday Mr. D. C. Sinclair retired as chief clerk and is sick at his home here. He is succeeded by Mr. J. M. Paulling. Mr. Plummer and Mr. Paulling both came here from the Jefferson hotel, of Columbia, S. C."

SELECTING A VICTIM

John Bowen Did Not Know Which Negro to Kill First.

John C. Bowen, colored, was taken in charge yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly and lodged in jail to await a lunacy hearing before the Clerk of Superior Court.

Bowen, when Deputy Kelly found him, had seven very frightened negroes penned in a stable at the plant of the Independent Ice Company and was standing guard at the door with an axe handle over his shoulder. He calmly informed the officer that he had just been trying to make up his mind which one of those negroes he was going to kill first. That his prisoners were much relieved when Deputy Kelly took Bowen off with him is expressing it mildly.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Mr. W. M. Edwards Head of Wilmington Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Officers of Wilmington Lodge of Odd Fellows have been elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Noble Grand—W. M. Edwards.
Vice Grand—C. H. Hayes.
Financial Secretary—J. J. Craig.
Recording Secretary—W. C. Smith.
Treasurer—J. T. King.

FINANCES FOR SIX MONTHS

Amounts Expended by City and Balances on Hand at End of First Half of Fiscal Year.

A detailed report of the city finances for the first half of the present fiscal year, ending December 31st, is contained in a statement completed yesterday by Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, showing the amounts appropriated for the several departments, the expenditures to date, balances on hand and the amounts overdrawn. In the latter column are included expenditures for which no appropriation was made. The totals in the various departments are as follows:

General expense account—Appropriated, $26,130; audited $13,151.03; unexpended $13,103.33; overdrawn $124.36.

Police—Appropriated $41,571; audited $26,811.90; unexpended $15,651.34; overdrawn $892.24.

Fire—Appropriated $39,070; audited $18,905.91; unexpended $20,407.71; overdrawn $243.62.

Streets and wharves—Appropriated $48,558; audited $39,703.89; unexpended $20,686.82; overdrawn $12,032.71.

Street lighting—Appropriated $18,019; audited $8,531.08; unexpended $9,487.92.

Health and hospitals—Appropriated $26,679; audited $14,902.16; unexpended $11,776.84.

Deep wells—Appropriated $2,500; audited $712.93; unexpended $1,787.07.

Markets—Appropriated $1,850; audited $793.31; unexpended $1,056.69.

Coupon and interest account—Appropriated $98,000; audited $43,602.50; unexpended $54,397.50.

Totals—Appropriated $302,177; audited $167,114.71; unexpended $148,355.22; overdrawn $13,292.93.

In addition to the items from the budget, the following amounts are shown to have been audited since June 1st:

Water and sewerage (operating) $39,232.02; sewer construction $7,356.25; notes $16,750; Fourth street paving $15,485.51; park $400.75; street construction $3,568.11; miscellaneous $25; tax refund $104.88; scavenger $6,114.09; sidewalks $144.29; new fire building $2,051.98; bonds redeemed $5,000; loss and damage $67.75; back taxes $159.02; market street construction $92.

These items bring the total amount audited for the six months up to $258,656.36.

CAN MEAT BE SOLD IN CITY WITHOUT LICENSE?

Recorder Empie Has Complicated Question Before Him for Decision.

Can fresh pork be sold on the streets of Wilmington in less than quarter sized lots without securing license? Solicitor Peschau says it cannot, while L. Clayton Grant, Esq., attorney for three negroes, charged with so selling it, says it can. Both attorneys submitted arguments yesterday, but Recorder Empie was not satisfied and requested that each attorney hand in briefs on December 23rd. The names of the negroes are Robert Loftin, Adie Robinson and Ed Knixon and they were arrested at the City Market several days ago.

The same negroes were arrested about a year ago, it is stated, and tried on the same charge, but judgment was held open and has never been rendered. The decision of Recorder Empie will be awaited with interest by many people.

Jim McIntyre and Mattie Jones, both colored, charged with one of the grosser offences, were taxed with the costs with the understanding that they would assume the vows of man and wife. George Hill and Mabel Mosely, also colored, charged with a similar offense, were each given 60 days, the former on the county roads and the latter on the county farm.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Rev. W. L. Atkins Returned Last Night From Meeting of Council.

Rev. W. L. Atkins, pastor of First Seventh Day Adventist church, this city, returned last night from Greensboro, where he has been attending the fall council meeting of the North Carolina conference of his denomination. During this meeting, reports of the work done during the year were rendered by the pastors and missionary workers. The report were very encouraging. Four new churches were organized during the year and many members were added to the churches already established.

Even amidst the depressed financial condition of the country, the finances of the conference have greatly increased. Over $10,000 has been given for evangelistic and missionary purposes. The colporteur work has exceeded anything in the history of the conference.

Literature of the denomination to the value of over $17,000 has been sold during the year.

Plans were laid for more aggressive work during the ensuing year. More evangelists will be added to the force to carry forward these plans.

Mr. Atkins will occupy his pulpit next Sunday night in the new temporary church home in the old Odd Fellows' hall, corner Third and Princess streets.

"THE NEW WAY MARKET."

New Establishment Begins Business Tomorrow at Front and Market.

The "New Way" Market, Mr. W. H. McEachern proprietor, will open tomorrow at Front and Market streets, announcement to this effect being contained in an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper. Mr. McEachern has modernly fitted the new place and makes a point of the fact that "economy and cleanliness" will be the watchword of the new market in serving the Wilmington public.

In order to give the people of the city an opportunity of seeing the new market, the doors of the place will be thrown open from 5 to 10 o'clock this evening and everybody is cordially invited to call during those hours and see what a really up-to-date market is. The market will open regularly for business tomorrow morning.

When Women Suffer

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BIG MASS MEETING OF TRUCK GROWERS HERE

Prof. W. R. Camp, of Raleigh, Will Make Address.

Co-Operative Movement for Farmers Will be Discussed at Court House Tomorrow—Everybody is Urged to Attend.

A mass meeting of the truckers of New Hanover county will be held in the Court House in Wilmington tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock when Prof. W. R. Camp, head of the division of marketing of the State Department of Agriculture, will make an address. The purpose of the meeting is to enlist every trucker of the county in a co-operative movement and thus give it a forward impetus that will guarantee to the truckers a fair price for their produce. Everybody is invited to attend the meeting and especially are the farmers urged to attend.

The big problem before the truckers of this county as well as those of of other sections, says Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, is that of securing a proper distributions of the produce marketed during the rush season. It has frequently happened that certain markets such as Baltimore have been crowded with produce, while other markets did not have enough to meet their demands. It is simply a problem of marketing and Professor Camp has given the question much study and thought. He will be able to make some valuable suggestions.

Many of the truckers of the county have already joined the Wilmington Co-Operative Truck Growers' Association and others have promised to do so upon the condition that at least three-fourths of the growers become members. Many of the larger growers have hesitated about joining because they were afraid that all of the growers of the county would not lend their support to the movement. They have, however, tentatively agreed to become members and the purpose of the meeting tomorrow is to get all the truckers interested.

When the association has been thoroughly organized, plans will then be made for securing the services of a sales agent who will devote his entire time to marketing the produce grown by the members. He will be located in Wilmington and will have entire charge of consigning the produce shipped from this section. By exercising a close oversight on all shipments he will be able to see that not too much is sent to any one market. He will keep himself closely informed as to market conditions and will send the produce to the points where there is the biggest demand. He will also endeavor to find new markets and one of the big drawbacks in the past has been that the produce was shipped only to a few markets.

All are urged to attend the meeting tomorrow and learn something about the great idea of co-operation that is revolutionizing agricultural conditions not only in the South but throughout the world.

ADOPT UNIFORM FEE SCALE

Monthly Meeting of County Medical Association—Officers Elected for Next Year.

The election of officers, the adoption of a uniform scale of fees for city and country visits and the installation of a system for recording the names of those who habitually, and without good reason, refuse to pay their medical bills, were features of the monthly meeting of the New Hanover County Medical Association, the last meeting for 1914, held in the mayor's office at the city hall last evening.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President—Dr. John C. Wessell.
Vice President—Dr. Tate Moore.
Secretary and Treasurer—Dr. Ernest S. Bulluck (reelected).

Dr. Charles T. Harper was elected a member of the Board of Censors. Dr. E. S. Bulluck was elected delegate to the State Medical Society, with Dr. J. B. Crammer as alternate.

A uniform scale of fees for visits was agreed upon and adopted as follows:

To Winter Park $3; as far as Hewlett's Creek on the Masonboro road and as far as McEachern's dairy on the Federal Point road, $5; beyond these points, $7; Seagate $4; Wrightsville Sound, $5; Carolina Heights, Carolina Place and Sunset Park, $3; Castle Haynes and Scott's Hill $8; calls in city after retiring hours at night $5; calls before breakfast hour in morning or before retiring hour at night, double regular fee.

Regarding the system installed for recording the names of those who constantly and without reason fail to pay their bills for physician's services, it is stated that this is not to be construed as meaning that all people, regardless of reason, who are unable to pay their physicians, will be blacklisted, but rather that it is inteded to apply to those who wilfully avoid the payment of their bills without a good reason.

It was announced that at the next meeting a banquet will be given by Dr. Charles T. Harper, the retiring president of the association.

HELP THE BOYS

Give Them Membership in Y. M. C. A. for New Year—Special Rates.

Help the boy you are interested in by giving him a membership in the Y. M. C. A. is the suggestion advanced by the association. This will be a Christmas gift that will benefit him 365 days in the year. A special rate of $2 has been made for members of the Junior division until October 1, the beginning of the fiscal year for the association.

The Boys' Department, under the efficient direction of Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, is doing splendid work this year and the boys are taking a great interest in the activities which have been inaugurated. The aim and purpose is to develop boys into strong Christian men.

New Gold and New Silver Coins

For the convenience of the public we have provided a large supply of New Gold and New Silver Coins of all denominations, and if you contemplate giving a New Coin as a Christmas Gift to your Employee, Friend or Relative, we will be pleased to have you make use of our service.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. T. W. Pierce left yesterday morning for Macon, Ga., where she will visit relatives.

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Mrs. L. A. Blue, of Wrightsville sound, has as her guests Misses Emily and Elizabeth Westbrook, of Greensboro.

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After a pleasant visit to her uncle, Mr. J. P. Stephens, Miss Sallie Stephens returned to her home at Lumberton yesterday.

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Miss Annie W. Perry is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Edwards, of Palm Beach, Fla.

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Mrs. Emily Motte left this week for Charlotte to spend the holidays with her son, Mr. Clarence E. Motte.

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Mrs. W. A. Crumpler has returned from Clinton, where she visited her mother, Mrs. Sarah Tuttle. She also spent some time with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Sessoms, at Warsaw.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gallagher have returned from Washington, N. C., where they visited their grandmother, Mrs. S. J. Gallagher, who has been in the hospital there for some time.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Alexander arrived in the city yesterday after a three weeks' bridal trip to New York. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are at present guests at the home of Mr. Alexander's uncle, Mr. John B. Alexander, and Mrs. Alexander, on Clement avenue, Elizabeth Heights. Mrs. Alexander prior to her marriage was Miss Ernestine Bridgers, of Wilmington."

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Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Creasy and daughters, Misses Edith, Alberta and Bonnie Creasy, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Creasy, of this city, attended the wedding of Mr. James Henry Thompson and Miss Edith Deborah Overcash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Overcash, in Charlotte Wednesday evening. Miss Edith Creasy was one of the ribbon girls and little Miss Bonnie Creasy was the ringbearer.

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L'ARIOSO GERMAN CLUB TO HAVE CHRISTMAS DANCE

The L'Arioso German club will have their Christmas dance on the evening of December 31 in the dining room of the Orton hotel. This will be the first dance of the season given by this club and will be largely attended. It will be one of the biggest events of the holiday season. Mr. John Murchison will be leader for the dance.

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Friends of A. B. VanBuren, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, will regret exceedingly to know that yesterday it became necessary to operate upon him a third time at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where he has been under treatment, following a first operation seven weeks ago for an intestinal trouble. His condition is such as to give much concern to friends and loved ones, but last night he was resting well and the best was hoped for.

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HELP NEEDED IN SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS.

For some reason or other there was a slump in the sale of Red Cross seals yesterday, only 244 having been disposed of at the postoffice. However, the ladies in charge are not discouraged and expect to be able to report a much larger number today. Mrs. S. Solomon will be the chaperone and she will have the assistance of other ladies.

Only another week remains before Christmas and those who wish to help in this noble cause should buy their stamps now. It is hoped that there will be no one who will fail to put a seal on their packages and letters. Not only is the money used for a noble work but the seals is concrete evidence of your interest. Buy Red Cross Seals and buy them now.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. D. Bigford, of Colly, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. R. M. Squires, of Kelly, was in the city yesterday on business.

—The condition of William Marion Thorpe, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thorpe, who was accidentally shot at Sunset Park Wednesday afternoon, was reported last night as being somewhat improved. He is at the James Walker Memorial Hospital.

OPPOSITION IS BREWING

Proposed Plan for New City Charter May Develop Into an Issue —Meeting Postponed.

Developments yesterday indicate that the proposal for an entirely new Charter, giving the city a new form of government, with the Mayor as executive head and actively in charge of all departments, and a Council of five members, to act in a legislative and advisory capacity, will meet with considerable opposition, and the meeting of City Council which had been called for this morning at 10 o'clock has been postponed for several days.

Several of the Councilmen were not present at the conference with Senator W. B. Cooper and Representative W. P. Stacy Wednesday afternoon, and it is certain that at least one of the members who was absent does not favor the plan. It is also said that possibly another member will also be against the idea. The plan is also opposed in other circles, according to expressions heard yesterday, although still other citizens are favorably inclined to the idea.

One of the principal objections voiced by those who do not favor the plan outlined at the conference Wednesday is that in electing a Mayor who in reality would be a city manager, with all powers vested in him, is that the element of politics would enter too largely into the government, and would do away with all the favorable features of the city manager system. It is pointed out that a popular man would be elected solely because of his popularity, and that his ability for the position would not be considered by the average voter.

It was stated yesterday that the members of Council will confer together and endeavor to agree on recommendations to be made to Senator Cooper and Representative Stacy as to amendments to the present Charter or the adoption of a new one.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 17.—The Boston Americans will confine their exhibition games next spring to contests with Memphis, Louisville and Cincinnati. President J. J. Lannin, made this announcement today.

NOW TRYING DAMAGE SUIT

Case of John H. Foard Against Tidewater Power Company in Superior Court — Other Cases.

In Superior Court the trial of the case of John H. Foard, young son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Foard, against the Tidewater Power Company, an action for $10,000 for alleged personal injuries, was taken up yesterday morning and will be resumed again this morning. The hearing of the evidence will probably be concluded before noon today.

The suit grows out of an accident at Wrightsville Sound two summers ago, when the plaintiff was struck by one of the suburban cars of the Tidewater Power Company and sustained a broken leg. The complaint also sets forth that he sustained internal injuries. The Tidewater bases its defense on the allegation that contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff was responsible for the accident.

The plaintiff is represented by Jno. D. Bellamy & Son and Davis & Davis appear for the defendant.

The jury in the case of W. A. McGowan against the Western Union Telegraph Company yesterday morning returned a verdict for the plaintiff for the sum of 45 cents. The action was brought as the result of the failure of the company to deliver a telegram, and the plaintiff asked damages in the sum of $200. The court held, however, that only the amount of the telegraph tolls could be recovered.

Entries were made in other cases yesterday as follows: Tidewater Power Company against H. T. Bauman, receiver for the Wilmington Ice and Storage Company, judgment; Rebecca Johnson against L. J. Carter, order; K. C. Sidbury against Eddie M. Bryan, alias summons; W. B. Simmons against W. L. Groom, final decree.

The case of J. J. Darby against Gilbert Hollins was continued and set for trial January 11, 1915.

NOTED SURGEONS ADJOURN SESSION AT ASHEVILLE.

Elect Officers and Choose Cincinnati as Next Meeting Place.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 17.—The 27th annual convention of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association came to a close this afternoon with the selection of Cincinnati as the place of holding the next annual meeting and the election of the following officers:

President—Dr. Bacon Sauriers, of Fort Worth.

First Vice President—Dr. Thomas S. Cullen, of Baltimore.

Second Vice President—Dr. S. M. D. Clark, of New Orleans.

Secretary—Dr. W. D. Haggard, of Nashville.

Treasurer—Dr. LeGrand Guerry, of Columbia.

Dr. Haggard and Dr. Guerry were re-elected. Dr. C. A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati was named as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the next annual meeting.

Dr. Joseph Taber Johnson, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. N. Shilling, of Cedar Bayou, Texas, were named as honorary fellows.

Dr. John Wesley Long, of Greensboro, N. C., who has served as president for the past year, becomes a member of the council, the governing body of the organization which is composed of the former presidents of the association.

Speakers at the final session included Dr. Irvin Abell, of Louisville; Dr. Hugh H. Trout, of Roanoke; Dr. C. E. Caldwell, of Cincinnati; Dr. Fred C. Hodgson, of Atlanta; Dr. Francis Reder, of St. Louis; Dr. Edward E. Jones, of Atlanta; Dr. Francis B. Hagnar, of Washington; Dr. John Staige Davis, of Baltimore; Dr. J. E. Cannaday, of Charleston, W. Va.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT JOINS MAGAZINE STAFF.

Signs Three Years' Contract to Write on Big Questions.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Metropolitan Magazine announces that for the next three years Theodore Roosevelt will write exclusively for the Metropolitan on all the great social, political and international questions.

The magazine was chosen after considerable thought because it combines the wide circulation of a popular magazine with a constructive progressive editorial policy. In the Metropolitan Mr. Roosevelt will have the freest possible scope for bringing his views before the public. He will not, however, be in any way responsible for the political views of the magazine, nor will his articles be written to conform with these views.

The first article by Mr. Roosevelt will appear in the February issue of the Metropolitan and will give the true history of the acquisition of the Panama Canal and deal with the Administration's present attitude toward Colombia. Other articles will follow on such subjects as the Colorado mining situation, and its bearings on our economic policy, the need of military preparedness for the United States, the Pork Barrel, the Mexican situation, and other important subjects which can be dealt with by Mr. Roosevelt in the most authoritative manner. His contributions will be a series of great articles, each complete in itself and carrying the weight of his wide and intimate knowledge of affairs. They will appear in nearly all the issues of the Metropolitan during the next three years.

PENDER COUNTY NEWS.

Considerable Building in Burgaw During Past Year.

(Special Star Sorrespondence.)

Burgaw, N. C., Dec. 17.—Notwithstanding the general dullness, there has been considerable building in Burgaw the past year. Among the residences erected the one nearing completion by Contractor Carter for Mrs. L. G. Henry is probably the most expensive dwelling in town, as it is said the cost will exceed $5,000. During the year Mr. C. C. Branch, cashier of the Bank of Pender, has had a very nice and comfortable bungalow erected, into which he moved some little time ago.

Mr. John N. George and family, who removed from here to Wilmington a few months ago, have returned to Burgaw. Their friends here are glad to welcome them back to their old home.

Mr. J. Ross McNeill, with his family, left two or three days ago for Norfolk, where they will make their home. Mr. McNeill was very popular here and his friends hated to see him leave.

Cotton still continues to come to the gin, [illegible] being carried home or stored in the warehouse; none seems to be sold for shipment.

DEFER ACTION ON PROPOSAL

Question of Improving Road to Carolina Beach Referred to Committee —Coroner Elected.

No action was taken by the Board of County Commissioners yesterday afternoon on the proposals of the Hanover Transit Company, the Wilmington Beach Corporation and the Kure Land & Development Company to assist in the improvement of the Federal Point road for a distance of seven and a half miles, further than to secure assurances from representatives of the companies interested that they will be willing to furnish reasonable bank credit to guarantee their part of the contract in the event that the county shall accept their proposition.

In view of the fact that there had not been sufficient time since the meeting Monday afternoon, when the three companies made their proposition to contribute $1,000 a mile and to furnish the rock, to inquire fully into the cost of building such a road as is proposed, the Commissioners did not feel they were in a position to act upon it yesterday afternoon. The matter was referred to a committee composed of Commissioners W. E. Yopp, W. A. McGirt and L. W. Moore to confer with a committee composed of representatives of the three companies relative to the cost of building the road, the durability of the shell rock that has been offered, and other particulars, the committee to make a report at a future meeting of the board.

Announcement was made following the meeting that the committee from the three companies is composed of Messrs. J. H. Hinton, vice president of the Kure Land & Development Company; C. C. Chadbourn, president of the Wilmington Beach Corporation, and J. J. Loughlin, secretary of the Hanover Transit Company.

Chairman Willard stated that the Commissioners would not care to entertain a proposition from the companies unless the money to do their part of the work was placed in the bank so it can be drawn upon by the county in the event that it is decided to accept the proposition. He was assured by Messrs. J. H. Hinton and C. C. Chadbourn that there would be no difficulty on that score.

Mr. Willard then announced that it would be necessary to defer action as the Board was not in a position to make an estimate as to the cost. There was considerable discussion as to the cost of road building and also as to which would be cheaper to use rock such as the county has been using or to use the rock on the Freeman land which the three companies propose to furnish. Commissioner Moore expressed some doubt as to whether or not this shell rock is durable.

Mr. Chadbourn said that the matter of having an improved road to Carolina Beach had been under consideration for two or three years and he felt that some action should be taken at once. He was of the opinion that the great benefit and an improved road to the southern part of the county would be such as to amply justify the expenditure of as much money as it would require, even if the road only lasted a few years. He urged immediate action. Let us have a fair and impartial investigation," he said.

Chairman Willard called attention to the fact that the work has already been done on the Federal Point road and declared that the matter must be considered in that the Commissioners have only $30,000 to spend and that must be spent where it is most needed. There are a number of other projects that must be considered, he said, among these being the road to Hewlett's creek, to Middle Sound, Island Creek and Castle Haynes. He thought that the people who make their living out of the ground ought to have as good a road as the Federal Point road. He felt that all are entitled to good roads and said that he was not in favor of doing too much for one section, if another had to be neglected.

Messrs. J. J. Loughlin, D. N. Chadwick and others discussed the matter of the cost of building such a road. There was a large delegation of citizens present.

Mr. Alex. S. Holden, of Wilmington, was elected coroner to succeed Coroner John J. Fowler, who notified the board at the last meeting that he would be unable to serve because of the lack of compensation.

Constable J. H. Davis filed his surety bond of $1,000, this being with the National Surety Company, of New York. Mr. P. H. Rasberry filed his bond of $2,000, this being with the Fidelity Trust & Guaranty Company, of Baltimore.

A letter was read from Mrs. James S. McKimmon, in charge of the Girls' Canning Clubs for the State, in which she suggested that a woman be placed in charge of this work in the county. A letter was also read from Mr. C. R. Hudson, in charge of demonstration work of the State for the Department of Agriculture, in which he stated that if the county would furnish $600 he would see that an additional $400 was furnished by the government. He suggested that $800 of this be paid as a salary for the lady in charge of the work and that the remaining $200 be used for securing assistance during the canning season.

Splendid results were achieved last year by the canning clubs of the State. Mrs. J. P. Herring and several other ladies undertook the work on a small scale in New Hanover and were very successful. The members of the board were of the opinion that the suggestion of Mrs. McKimmon was a good one. The matter was referred to Mr. M. S. Willard to investigate. The Board of Education will be asked to co-operate in the work.

The matter of installing plumbing in the jail was referred to the jail committee of which Commissioner McGirt is chairman with instructions to have the work done as soon as possible. This has been discussed at several previous meetings and bids have been advertised for several times.

The report of the Investigating Committee of the Boarl of Health was received and the following resolutions adopted:

"First: That the report of the Investigating Committee be received and that the thanks of this Board be tendered them for their painstaking and public spirited effort to settle the difficulties atending the health work of the county.

"Second: That in view of the finding of the Committee in regard to the agreement between the City Council and the Board of Health relative to the salaries of the Board of Health officials, the payment by the county to the Superintendent of Health of the county's proportion of the amount due him under the agreement is hereby approved."

DROWNED AT LITTLE RIVER

Former Wilmington Man Victim of Fatal Accident—Body Had Not Been Recovered Yesterday.

Mr. Joseph C. Vereen, until ten months ago a resident of Wilmington, was drowned in Little river just across the line from Brunswick county in South Carolina early Wednesday morning when a boat in which he and a companion had gone to get a supply of oysters for a canning factory sprung a leak and they were precipitated into the water. His companion was able to swim ashore, but young Vereen did not know how to swim and went down. His body had not been recovered yesterday.

He was married last March, his bride being Miss Minnie Patterson, of Little River, who survives him. He was a cousin of Mrs. W. J. Flynn and of Miss Dena Gore, of this city. His parents died when he was an infant and he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gore, of Wilmington. He was 28 years old.

He was a member of the First Baptist church, of this city, and only a few weeks ago wrote for his church letter to transfer his membership to the church at Little River. He was a young man of fine character and had a host of friends here who will sympathize tenderly with the bereaved family in their sorrow.

While the deceased was unable to swim it is probable that he would have been saved had it not been for coldness of the water. He was working in a canning factory. It is probable that the boat struck a snag, causing it to go down. The message to relatives here was conveyed through a long distance 'phone message to Mr. R. R. Stone.

LOCAL DOTS.

—By deed filed for record yesterday C. B. Parmele transfers to Thos. Lennon, for $100 and other considerations, lot on north line of Queen, 123 3-4 feet east of 13th street, 41 1-4x100 feet in size.

—Suit was started in Superior Court yesterday by Louis and Joseph Abelovitz, trading as the Imperial Manufacturing Company, against the Eureka Dye Works. W. P. M. Turner, Esq., represents the plaintiff.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET IS ACTIVE

And Prices Showed Decided Firmness on Covering of Shorts and Moderate Demand.

New York, Dec. 17.—The cotton market was particularly active today and prices showed decided firmness on covering of shorts, moderate demand from trade sources, and scattered buying. The rapidly increasing export movement and the failure of Southern spot markets to weaken materially were the bullish factors most discussed on the advance which ended in a firm close with last prices 8 to 14 points net higher.

The opening was steady at a decline of 1 to 3 points and active months sold about 2 to 6 points net lower during the early trading.

There was nothing to indicate pressure of spot cotton from the South and prices soon turned firmer on the appearance of buying orders in the hands of some of the leading trade brokers.

As prices worked higher local commission houses became more active and fresh buying seemed to be encouraged by the talk of a continued good demand from exporters, the general reduction in war risks and the the failure of Southern spot offerings to increase as rapidly as recently predicted. All active months made new high ground for the movement with May contracts selling at 766 or 41 points above the low level of last Friday. The close was at practically the best point of the day. Exports were the heaviest reported for any one day so far this season.

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 7.40; gulf, 7.65; no sales.

Cotton futures closed firm.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	7:19	7:25	7:12	7:26
Mar	7:32	7:46	7:32	7:46
May	7:48	7:67	7:46	7:66
July	7:66	7:82	7:64	7:81
Oct	7:94	8:09	7:91	8:08

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 7 1-16; receipts, 11,230; exports, 22,041; sales, 2,500; stock, 285,779.

Galveston—Middling, 7⅜; receipts, 20,734; exports, 51,000; sales, 3,855; stock, 374,278.

Mobile—Middling, 6 13-16; receipts, 1,895; exports, 24,758; sales, 300; stock, 45,031.

Savannah—Middling, 7⅛; receipts, 13,367; sales, 4,399; stock, 268,503.

Charleston—Middling, 7; receipts, 1,577; stock, 115,005.

Wilmington—Middling, 7; receipts, 1,092; stock, 45,600.

Texas City—Receipts, 5,374.

Norfolk—Middling, 7; receipts, 3,967; sales, 1,009; stock, 69,701.

Baltimore—Middling, 7¼; stock, 7,108.

Boston—Middling, 7.35; receipts, 139; stock, 7,100.

Philadelphia — Middling, 7.65; receipts, 125; stock, 5,584.

New York—Middling, 7.40; exports, 1,000; stock, 75,415.

Minor Ports—Exports, 8,532; stock, 45,408.

Total today—Receipts, 59,500; exports, 107,331; stock, 1,342,602.

Total for week—Receipts, 359,057; exports, 291,491.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,837,767; exports, 2,032,169.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7 7-16; receipts, 22,180; shipments, 8,373; stock, 164,927.

Memphis—Middling, 7; receipts, 6,975; shipments, 4,097; sales, 3,500; stock, 265,897.

Augusta—Middling, 7⅛; receipts, 2,976; shipments, 2,637; sales, 1,494; stock, 158,974.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 3,289; shipments, 3,387; stock, 25,355.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,486; shipments, 1,301; stock, 4,202.

Little Rock—Middling, 6⅞; receipts, 1,239; shipments, 450; stock, 55,526.

Dallas—Middling, 6 13-16; sales, 15,652.

Total today—Receipts, 38,135; shipments, 33,583; stock, 684,879.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Opened Easy But Soon Firmed Up and Closed at an Advance.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—After a short period of easiness at the opening, due to poor cables, the cotton market advanced and remained at the advance today. At the lowest the trading months were 3 to 5 points under yesterday's close; at their highest they were 11 to 14 points up from the lowest. The close was within a point or two of the top, at a net gain for the day of 6 to 10 points. The tone on the close was steady. Covering of the short interest started the advance and buying was later stimulated by reports of advances in spot prices in the interior and finally by the heavy export movement, the total shipments from all ports of 119,872 bales being the largest for any one day of this season. Foreign exports for the season went over the two million bale mark. Reports of heavy freight engagements by cotton shippers out of gulf ports brought in investment buying in a quiet way. The market made little display of activity at any time and business was plainly restricted by the approaching holiday period.

Spot cotton steady. Sales on the spot 1,050 bales; to arrive 1,450. Cotton futures closed: January 7.13; May 7.26; June 7.46; July 7.66; October 7.93.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Raw silk was sold more freely today. Prices were steadier. Men's wear prices were high-large orders received for uniform cloths. Cotton goods were in steady demand from jobbers. Fruit of the loom 4-4 bleached cottons were advanced ½c to 7⅛c a yard.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Sugar—Firm; centrifugal, 3.95; molasses, 3.30; refined, firm and unchanged.

Butter—Steady and unchanged.

Cheese—Steady.

Coffee—Spot, easy; Rio, No. 7, 7½; Santos, No. 4, 9⅝.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—Mercantile paper, 4@4½; sterling exchange, steady; sixty day bills, 4.8435; for cables, 4.8755; for demand, 4.8725.

Bar silver, 49¼. Mexican dollars, 37⅞. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, irregular. Time loans, dull. Sixty days, 4; ninety days, 4@4¼; six months, 4@4¼.

WINTER WHEAT CROP SHORT

Dry Weather and Hessian Fly Have Curtailed Crop in Estimate of Agricultural Department.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Dry weather and Hessian fly have so seriously affected the winter wheat crop that the 1915 yield probably will be not more than 580,000,000 bushels, according to an estimate today by the Department of Agriculture.

This is nearly 100,000,000 bushels under last year's total production. This year's acreage 41,263,000 acres, is the greatest ever sown.

A very dry fall prevented the crop from making a good start, said the department's statement. Hessian fly, the report says, had been at work in various localities from Maryland to Oklahoma.

The Bureau of Crop Estimates issued this statement:

"The condition of the winter wheat crop on December 1st is estimated at 88.3 per cent of a normal, which compares with 97.2 per cent a year ago.

The production in 1914 was estimated at 675,623,000 bushels and in the preceding five years the average annual production was 441,000,000 bushels."

The acreage (000's) omitted) and condition on December 1st of winter wreat in Virginia, Tennessee and the Carolinas follow:

States	Acres	Condition.
Virginia	1,270	93
North Carolina	1,097	95
South Carolina	246	96
Tennessee	872	90

Increase in Acreage.

Tremendous increases in the acreage devoted to the planting of winter wheat in the South were shown today in the Department of Agriculture's estimate of the total area sown in the United States. That amounts to 41,265,000 acres, an increase of 4,135,000 acres over the area sown last fall and on which the record crop of 684,990,000 bushels of winter wheat was harvested this year.

The condition of winter wheat on December 1st was 88.3 per cent of a normal, almost 10 per cent lower than it was last year at this time and 2 per cent below the ten-year average on December 1.

South Carolina's acreage was increased 200 per cent, compared with the 1913 planting; North Carolina 75 per cent; Virginia 60 per cent, and Tennessee 20 per cent.

In the great wheat growing states the increases in acreage range from 5 to 15 per cent, except in the greatest winter wheat state, Kansas, where a 2 per cent decrease in acreage is shown.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Seminole, Packer, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

Cleared.

Str. Caye Manzanillo (Br.), 2,273 tons, Hunter, Charleston and Savannah, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Alcana (Ital.), 2,246 tons, Ghigilone, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,289 tons, Holiasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett; C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. William Thomas Moore, 263 tons, Jones, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 43½c.

ROSIN—Steady; large, $3.20; small, $3.05.

TAR — Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41½; rosin, firm, $3.45; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude, firm, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	4
Rosin	33
Tar	156
Crude Turpentine	1

Receipts same day last year—Crude turpentine, 7 casks; rosin, 27 barrels; tar, 193 barrels; crude turpentine, 13 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,114 bales; same day last year, 1,546 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 74,437 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 296,893 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 17.

Atlantic Coast Line—942 bales cotton; 52 barrels tar; 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—61 bales cotton; 104 barrels tar.

Clyde Line—57 bales cotton.

Thelma—54 bales cotton.

Schr. Mollie Lee—4 casks spirits turpentine; 32 barrels rosin.

Total — 1,114 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 32 barrels rosin; 156 barrels tar; 1 barrel crude turpentine.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Thursday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 65c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 35c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

STOCKS CONTINUE DOWNWARD

Smaller Scale of Operations—Trading Seemed to be Largely for the Short Account.

New York, Dec. 17.—Stocks continued to drop today on a smaller volume of operations. Trading seemed to be largely for the short account and when that demand was satisfied the list drifted idly towards lower quotations. The significance of the session, as a whole may be judged from the fact that a relatively inconspicuous speciality, Central Leather, was the most active feature with a gain of 1 1-2 points.

Irregularity characterized the opening, followed by a general advance which provoked fresh selling of the international list. It took only a few thousand shares to reverse the rising movement and send the average under yesterday's close. Numerous additions were made to the group of stocks selling at minimum prices. Final quotations were at or near the low level of the day.

Little encouragement was derived from routine news which included reductions in L. & N. and the Atlantic Coast Line dividends from 7 to 6 per cent, and the Southern Pacific statement for November showing a net loss o falmost $800,000. The government crop report also was far from favorable in its forecast of winter wheat which was 2 per cent under the ten years' average.

Exchange on Germany was lower and London remittances showed an easier tendency. Reduction in France was ascribed to the further extension of the French moratorium. Preparations for the loaning of money by the $135,000,000 cotton pool were finally completed, local financial institutions contributing their quota of $50,000,000. Call was offered at 3 per cent but time loans hardened a fraction for long dates.

Apart from a gain in gold, the weekly statement of the Bank of England threw no light on the situation in that quarter. London's markets reflected in mild degree the alarm occasioned by the recent bombardment of British coast towns.

Bonds again were irregular with contrary movements in some of the speculative issues. Total sales par value, aggregated $1,302,000. United States government bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	54⅛
American Agricultural	bid 48
American Can	26¼
American Car and Foundry	45
American Cities, pfd	bid 59⅛
American Cotton Oil	40
American Smelting	58½
American Snuff	149
American Sugar	107½
American Tel. and Tel	118⅝
American Tobacco	218¼
Atchison	93⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	offered 112
Baltimore and Ohio	69⅜
Canadian Pacific	157⅝
Central Leather	38⅛
Chesapeake and Ohio	43½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	89⅞
Erie	22
General Electric	140
Great Northern, pfd	115½
Illinois Central	bid 107
Interborough Met., pfd	51⅝
Kansas City Southern	22
Lehigh Valley	134⅝
Louisville and Nashville	125
Liggett and Myers	bid 210
Lorillard Co	offered 184
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	bid 10
Missouri Pacific	9⅞
Mex. Petroleum	51
New York Central	82
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	55⅞
Norfolk and Western	101½
Northern Pacific	101⅝
Pennsylvania	108½
Reading	148
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	76
Rock Island Co	1¼
Rock Island Co., pfd	2
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	2½
Seaboard Air Line	bid 12
Seaboard Air Line, pfd.	offered 45
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	bid 22⅛
Southern Pacific	85⅝
Southern Railway	16¾
Tennessee Copper	32⅝
Texas Co	128⅝
Tex. and Pac (ex. div. 2½	13½
Union Pac	118
United States Steel	51
United States Steel, pfd	104¼
Utah Copper	49
Virginia-Caro. Chem	21
Western Union	58

WHEAT MARKET ADVANCES.

Immense Export Sales in Past Two Days Causes Big Rally in Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Immense export sales, said to amount to more than 5,000,000 bushels in the last forty-eight hours, carried wheat sharply up grade today. Closing prices were strong, ¾@⅞ to 1⅜ above last night. Other leading staples, too, all scored a net gain. Corn, ⅝@⅞c. to 1c.; oats, ⅝@⅞ to ¾, and provisions, 5 to 10c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat — December, 1.20⅝; May, 1.23½.

Corn—December, 64; May, 70⅛.

Oats—December, 48½; May, 52⅝.

Pork—January, 18.40; May, 18.87.

Lard—January, 10.12; May, 10.37.

Ribs—January, 10.02; May, 10.32.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.18¾@1.20⅛; No. 2, hard, 1.19@1.20⅝.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 64½@65.

Oats—Standard, 49⅛@49¾.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 17. — Hogs — Active; Bulk, 7.05@7.30; light, 6.85@7.35; mixed, 6.90@7.40; heavy, 6.85@7.45; rough, 6.85@7.00; pigs, 5.75@7.35.

Cattle—Weak. Native steers, 5.00@10.00; western, 4.95@7.45; cows and heifers, 2.75@7.75; calves, 6.00@8.75.

Sheep—Weak. Sheep, 6.25@6.40; yearlings, 6.50@7.50; lambs, 6.50@8.70.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 17.—Turpentine, no dealings, 44 cents; sales, —; receipts, 233; shipments, —; stocks, 34,030.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 390; receipts, 1,905; shipments, —; stocks, 138,368. Quote: A, B, C, D, 3.30; E, F, G, H, 3.35; I, 3.50; K, 3.90@4.00; M, 4.45; N, 5.45; W G, 5.70; W W, 5.85.

Have you joined the 1915 Savings Club at the American National Bank? —Advertisement. tf

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 18, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 26 degrees; at 8 P. M., 37 degrees; maximum, 45 degrees; minimum, 25 degrees; mean, 35 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.20 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 11.2 feet and falling.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Cloudy Friday and probably Saturday.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 18, 1914.

Sun rises	7:12 A. M.
Sun sets	5:06 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 50 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	10:40	10:46	5:26	6:06
Southport	8:34	8:57	2:14	3:16
Masonboro Inl	8:23	8:46	1:54	3:50

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 17, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cloudy	38	34	.0
Asheville	cldy	38	12	.0
Atlanta	clear	42	26	.0
Augusta	pt cldy	46	22	.0
Birmingh.	cldy	44	20	.0
Boston	clear	32	18	.0
Charleston	pt cldy	46	28	.0
Charlotte	cldy	38	20	.0
Chicago	snow	14	0	.0
Galveston	cldy	46	44	.54
Jacksonv.	cldy	50	36	.0
Memphis	cldy	34	20	.0
Mobile	cldy	46	28	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	46	26	.0
New Orl.	clear	44	34	.0
New York	clear	38	16	.0
Oklahoma	rain	36	24	.0
Palestine	cldy	36	34	.14
Pittsburg	clear	20	8	.0
Raleigh	cldy	38	20	.0
Savannah	cldy	46	26	.0
Shreveport	cldy	38	32	.02
St. Louis	cldy	24	10	.0
Washing'n	clear	28	14	.0

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 12.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 17.—Cotton—Middling—Raleigh, 6¾; Fayetteville, 6¾; Charlotte, 6¾; Norfolk, 7c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, steady; new crop, fancy handpicked, 70c; No. 1, machine picked, 65c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts—New crop Jumboes, 65c; fancy hand-picked, 60c; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c; Jumboes, 65c per bu. All receipts, heavier.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 17.—While quiet the market for cotton seed oil was higher today on covering of shorts induced by the strength in lard and cotton and light offerings of crude. Final prices were 4 to 5 points net higher; sales 3,500 barrels.

The market closed firm. Spot, 5.70@5.85; December, 573@5.85; January, 5.79@5.80; February, 5.87@5.94; March, 6.05@6.07; April, 6.13@6.18; May, 6.28@6.30; June, 6.35@6.42; July, 6.50@6.54. Total sales, 3,500.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 17.—Cotton, quiet; prices steady. American middling fair, 5.25; good middling, 4.68; middling, 4.89; low middling, 3.92; good ordinary, 3.30; ordinary, 2.85.

Sales, 6,000 bales, including 5,200 American and 1,000 for speculation and export. Receipts, 43,000 bales, including 42,700 American. Futures closed steady. May and June, 4.14; July and August, 4.20½; October and November, 4.31; January and February, 4.36½.

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Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
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In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:20 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:6 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:21A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:46 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:43 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:46 P. M.	.....

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 22, 1914. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 6:35 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman sleeping cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M. and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. † 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 65. † 6:15 P.M.
No. 43. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 3:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 5:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:00 P.M.
No. 59. † 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60. †10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. † Daily except Sunday. ‡ Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

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Declares Rear Admiral Fisk Before House Committee

FIVE YEARS ARE NEEDED

To Put American Navy in Highest State of Efficiency to Meet Any Hostile Fleet—Other Power Exceeds Gunners' Skill.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Five years would be required to put the United States navy in the highest state of efficiency to meet any hostile fleet, according to a statement today by Rear Admiral Fisk before the House naval committee. The admiral, who is chief of the bureau of operations, member of the general board and a former president of the naval institute, said the navy was deficient in air craft, mines, scout cruisers, torpedo boat destroyers, submarines and in number of trained officers and men and had no mine sweepers.

Members of the committee were particularly interested in Admiral Fisk's view as to the possibility of foreign air craft dropping bombs on American cities. He expressed the opinion that an attacking fleet might begin sending its airships on bomb dropping flights over New York from a range of 500 or 600 miles off the coast.

One foreign navy, (which was not named, the Admiral said, was more efficient than the American fleet in gunnery. This, he declared, however, was so only because the American marksmen had not been given adequate opportunity for practice. In speaking of the "highest state of efficiency," the officer explained that he had in mind the state of a certain unnamed power, whose officers and men have inbred the spirit of a military nation.

German Raid Mentioned.

The German raid on the British coast was referred to several times and the admiral suggested that if the British had had five or six fast submarines in the vicinity of the attacked ports the possibility of the bombardment would have been reduced. He said that if the German cruisers passed through English mines, the explanation might be "that by the wonderful system of spies Germany has it may have found out just where these mines were located." He added though, that possibly the German cruisers carried mine sweepers.

The officer said no enemy could attack the Panama canal so long as the American navy controlled the sea. With the fleet defeated, however, he thought there would be no security for this "the most vulnerable part of our possessions."

Couldn't we mine there as well as anywhere else and protect the mouth of the Panama canal?" he was asked.

"Yes."

"Could you prevent a hostile fleet from coming into the canal with the defenses there now?"

"I should say not."

The fortifications alone, he explained, would not be difficult "because a hostile fleet could land men a few miles away."

Under further questioning the admiral said the European war would bring changes that no one could prophesy, and that among the possibilities was an agreement between some of the foreign nations "to let one another alone" on certain conditions, which might involve the integrity of the canal zone."

Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, will be the final witness in the naval hearings tomorrow.

WATERWAYS BILL READY TO REPORT

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tained in the rivers and harbors bill which the House committee agreed upon this afternoon:

Shallowbag Bay, $3,600.

Beaufort harbor, $17,000; Beaufort inlet $5,000.

Morehead City harbor $8,800.

Scuppernong river $5,400.

Fishing Creek, $2,000.

Pamlico and Tar rivers, $35,800.

Bay river, $2,400.

Contentnea creek, $1,500.

Smith's creek, $2,400.

Neuse and Trent rivers, $32,000.

Waterway between Pamlico sound and Beaufort inlet, $8,000.

Waterway connecting Core sound and Beaufort harbor (channel by way of Taylors creek), $2,000.

New river (including the waterway between New river and Swansboro and between Beaufort harbor and New river), $37,300.

Northeast, Black and Cape Fear rivers, above Wilmington, $13,000; Cape Fear, above Wilmington, locks and dams, $173,000; Cape Fear, at and below Wilmington, $205,000.

Shallotte river, $1,800.

Waccamaw river, North Carolina and South Carolina, $55,500.

Inland waterway, Norfolk to Beaufort, $600,000. P. R. A.

BILL NOT FATHERED BY ADMINISTRATION

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of dum dums, Mr. Bryan said today he had nothing to add to the statement President Wilson made in answer to Emperor William's protest and that from the Belgian committee. This last complaint, he explained, however, touched another matter, perhaps, and the department was considering whether the manufacture and export of weapons forbidden by The Hague conventions was illegal and if so whether it should address itself to the alleged manufacturers on the subject.

GOOD WORK HAS BEEN DONE.

Every Railroad Strike During Year Settled Satisfactorily by Commission.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Every important railroad strike that has occurred in the country during the first year of operation of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation was settled by the board satisfactorily to all concerned, declared William L. Chambers, commissioner, in his first annual report to President Wilson today. Employes numbering 124,593 were directly involved in the cases adjusted by the board.

BERLIN CELEBRATES DECISIVE VICTORY

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statement concerning the making of Egypt a British protectorate:

"His brittanic majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs, gives notice that in view of a state of war arising out of the action of Turkey, Egypt is placed under the protection of his majesty and will henceforth constitute a British protectorate.

"The suzerainty of Turkey over Egypt is thus terminated, and his majesty's government will adopt all measures necessary for the defense of Egypt and the protection of its inhabitants and interests.

"The king has been pleased to approve the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Sir Arthur Henry MacMahon to be his majesty's high commissioner for Egypt."

DEFENSE IS BROKEN

Vienna Report Says No Doubt as to Retreat of Russian Forces.

Vienna, (via Amsterdam to London), Dec. 17.—The following official communication was issued today:

"The latest news permits of no further doubt that the resistence of the Russian force has been shattered. After the defeat of the southern wing in the battle of Limanovo, which lasted several days, our allies also gained a victory near Lods. The Russians now are completely routed on the river Bzura.

"Threatened by our advance across the Carpathians from the South, the enemy began a general retreat which they are trying to cover by stubborn fighting in the regions before the Carpathians.

"Our troops are attacking on the line of Grodno-Zakliczyu.

"Along the other parts of the front the pursuit has begun."

FRANK ASKS WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

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be safely continued that day, and before deciding upon an adjournment the presiding judge, L. S. Roan, while upon the bench and in the presence of the jury, conferred with the chief of police of Atlanta and the colonel of the Fifth Georgia regiment."

On the last day of the trial, the petition charges, the trial judge conferred with two of Frank's lawyers and referred to the probable danger of violence that Frank and his attorneys would incur if they were present when a verdict was rendered, should it be for acquittal or a disagreement.

"The judge then requested Frank's counsel to agree that Frank do not be present when the verdict was rendered and the jury polled," the petition recites.

It is claimed that Frank knew nothing of this agreement; that he did not consent to being absent and did not waive his right to be present when the verdict was announced. During the polling of the jury, the petition alleges, the demonstrations by the crowd within and without the court room were so loud that the responses of the jurors were heard with difficulty ten feet away.

The allegations summed up recite that: "The reception of the verdict in Frank's absence tended to deprive him of life and liberty without due process of law; that his involuntary absence deprived him of the opportunity to be heard and to be brought face to face with the jury; that neither Frank nor his counsel could legally waive his right to be present when the verdict was returned; that the trial did not proceed in accordance with the orderly processes of law essential to a fair and impartial trial "because dominated by a mob hostile to the defendant, and whose conduct intimidated the court and jury and unduly influenced them."

AMERICAN NAVY IS THOUSANDS SHORT.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Tells the Committee.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The navy is "from 30,000 to 50,000 men short of its needs, as laid down in the confidential war plans of the war college," according to Frank D. Roosevelt, assistant Secretary of the Navy Department, who testified today at the House naval committee's hearings on the naval appropriation bill.

Mr. Roosevelt explained that many additional men would be needed for purposes other than manning ships now in commission. Asked why serviceable vessels were laid up in reserve he said "no nation kept all of its ships constantly in commission."

Mr. Roosevelt explained a table worked out some months ago by the Navy Department according to an established formula showing the strength in armored fighting craft of various navies in "points." It placed the three leading powers as follows:

England, 7,768; Germany, 3,818; United States, 3,652.

Better ships and equipment for the naval militia were urged by Mr. Roosevelt as the old practical way of building up a reserve. He said the navy now could command about 7,000 militia men in emergency.

Steadily Forward.

The navy, Mr. Roosevelt assured the committee, went steadily forward during the past year. It improved its personnel and added submarines and torpedo boats, and now has better ships and more ammunition than even before.

"Are we any less prepared than ever before?" asked Representative Gray.

"I am unable to answer that question, as I do not know definitely the present condition of certain other powers," replied the witness.

"Have you any reason to believe we are any less prepared?"

"Yes, comparatively, because certain other nations have been making preparation in various ways, drilling, organizing and so on, for some months, all being directed to actual prosecution of war."

"From confidential reports I have received," he added, "certain other nations have very greatly increased their submarine strength."

Rear Admiral Fisk, aide for operations, will testify tomorrow, and Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, will be given a hearing Friday.

FORMER GLADSTONE SAILS.

Steamer Held by Federal Authorities at Newport News Released.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 16.—After being granted clearance papers for those ports the Costa Rican steamer Marina Quesada, formerly the Norwegian Gladstone, sailed today for Valparaiso and Puerto Montt, Chile, via Limopd, Costa Rica, and the Panama Canal.

PEOPLE ON COAST RESUME ROUTINE

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dwellings or buildings is forbidden.'

"In concurrence with the report of the English Press Bureau the fact is established that Hartlepool is fortified while Scarborough and Whitby are defended, like all other British coast places, either by regular troops, coast guns or volunteers.

"Permit me to state in addition that the bombardment of all Belgian coast places, as Ostend, Nieuport, Zeebrugge, etc., by the British-French navy did not take place because these places were fartified, which, in fact, they are not, but solely because they are defended by German troops."

ENGAGED BY CRUISERS

British Coast Defense Vessels Slightly Damaged in Brush With Germans.

London, Dec. 17.—The light cruiser Patrol and the destroyer Doon were among the British ships which attacked the German cruisers raiding the Northeast coast of England. Both were struck by shells. They lost five men killed and 15 wounded. No details are given by the admiralty. The two vessels could have only a small chance of doing serious damage to the larger German ships.

INQUEST OVER DEAD

Is Begin at Hartlespood—Over Four Score Killed in All.

Hartlepool, (via London), Dec. 17.—An inquest began here today over the bodies of 79 victims of the German bombardment, killed in Hartlepool and West Hartlepool.

In opening the court the coroner said that never before in English history had an inquest been held under similar circumstances and that he hoped the occasion would never occur again.

The testimony brought to light some pathetic cases. An old woman was picking up coal dropped from cars on the railway embankment when she was killed by a shell. An old man and his two daughters were starting breakfast in the kitchen when a shell killed all three.

A young woman went to the house of her aged mother, intending to conduct her to a place of safety. Entering the passageway she stumbled across her mother's body. A shell had pierced the roof and killed her. An elderly man, who thought the gun firing was that of British ships at practice, sat down unconcernedly to breakfast. A shell carried away the corned of his house, killing his two grand children.

WHITE YOUTH SHOT TO DEATH IN ASHEVILLE.

Following Argument With Playmate. Slayer Escapes—"Accident."

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 17.—Herbert Smith was shot and instantly killed in a public rest room adjoining police headquarters tonight and William Ballew is being held without bail charged with the shooting. The prisoner maintains that the death of his companion was the result of the accidental discharge of a pistol and in this claim he is substantiated by the only eye-witness of the tragedy.

Police are investigating the report of a man standing just outside the rest room who said that he heard an argument between the two before the shot was fired.

Both young men were residents of West Asheville, and have been playmates since childhood. Neither is out of his teens.

Ballew fled to his home after the tragedy and was captured there by the police, none of whom heard the shot which resulted in the death of Smith.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT. EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

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